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THE HOUSE BUILT BY CASPER SHELL

THE SPRING ON THE OLD HOMESTEAD

It seems to be the Spring of longevity of life, for of the Shells that drink water there, at least two have passed the 100 mark, one past 97, and 4 others in 90, and 8 or 10 in the eighties.

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WHY YOU HAVE A FAMILY NAME

Many, many years ago the first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore. This was when the world was much less crowded and every man knew his neighbor and his neighbor's neighbor. However, with the passing of centuries it became necessary to add a surname to the given or Christian name, for the purpose of distinguishing one John from his neighbor John, and also for recording family relationship and descent. We find this to be the case even in Biblical times, for instance, John the Baptist; Judas of Gallilee; Simon Peter etc.

We Americans who possess old and honored names—who can trace our surnames back through history to the sturdy immigrant ancestors, or even beyond the seas into the dim mists of antiquity, may rightfully be proud of our heritage. While the name itself may seem insignificant, its sacredness lies not in the literal interpretation, but in the many things that have happened to it since it first came into use. In the beginning it was only a word or a label of identification, however as it passed from father to children, and on to their children and grandchildren, it became more than a word, it became a symbol not of one man but that of a family, and all that the family stood for. Handed down from generation to generation it became associated with the achievements and prestige of the family.

Your "Good Name" is a badge of family honor, to be proud of, to protect, and fight for if necessary.

I am writing this book to tell you something that you don't know, that is, you didn't think that I could write a book like this, but with the help of history, public records, dates on tombstones, and some Geneological help, I present to you this book of the Shell families, and the origin of the name Shell.

The name dates back to the year 1327 where it started as a nickname, that is, back in that time History says, that as early as 1327, a family by the name of Shell was established at Shellenberg, in Westphalia, Germany. This line was of great prominence in ancient times, and received the title of Baron Vittinghoff. Also a comparatively small English family of the name Shell, is thought to have taken its name from residence in the hamlet of Shell, in the parish of Himbledon, county of Worcester, England.

In ancient and later American records, the name has been written, Schelle, Schells, Schell and Shell. But in modern records it is most frequently found in the last two spellings.

Schell is the German spelling.

Shell is the English spelling.

Now in Bollinger County, the name is spelled Shell, in Perry County it is spelled Schell by some, and Shell by others, and they are all brothers children. The same is true with the names of Hahn and Hawn, also Virgin and Virden, and several names that I know of.

My grandfather had a brother named Henry Shell that moved from Bollinger county to McDonald county, and raised seven boys and five girls, now his grandchildren spell the name: some Schell, and others Shell.

One Geologian said that he found the Shells are known on the whole, as a pioneering race, and are a hardy and purposeful people, quiet and conservative, decided in their views, on politics, religion, and morality, and competent in business endeavors.

I have a friend that travels about, and he said that, while he was in North Carolina he met several people of the name Shell and that some of them were of the wealthiest people that he ever met anywhere, in proving their business endeavors. You will find the same thing true in this county and state also, if you will only look around.

The first settlements in Missouri were made when the State was in the Territory of Missouri. The first records at Jackson, Missouri, began in 1805, and read like this:

"Territory of Missouri, Cape Girardeau County."

After 1820 the records read, "Cape Girardeau County Missouri" as the State was admitted to the Union in the year 1820, and Bollinger County was organized in 1851, by taking from Cape County and some from Wayne County and some from Madison County. Prior to that time the County line between Cape Girardeau County, and Wayne County was along the range line, between range nine and ten. So the Shell family in this State is older than the county or state.

The land where Lutesville is now located, originally belonged to Jacob Lutes and David Phelps, that is how the town got its name Lutesville, the town was started when the railroad was built through here in the year 1860.

Casper Shell, one of the first settlers, was born and raised in North Carolina, came to what is now Bollinger County and homesteaded some land on Hahn Creek, built a large log house, and raised a family of fourteen children, all lived to be grown, and two of which never married.

He was accompanied here by his wife, two sons and two daughters. Practically all his neighbors were Indians. He cleared land, raised corn, built a grist mill to grind his meal, built a distill and made his whiskey.

When he built the big log house that is shown in the picture, he got all the logs and rocks together to build the house, then he went down near Cape Girardeau, where lived another settlement of white people, and got help to build the house. Some of the settlers loaned him their negro slaves to do the work. About fifteen came and camped on the place near where he was building the house, the negroes doing the cooking, and it took them about two weeks to complete the job. There was a cellar under one end of the house which was walled with rock, and it was as nice a job as you ever saw. The old chimneys and the walled cellar are there yet for you to see.

The house had been built some hundred and twenty years when the picture was taken. At the foot of the hill, just below the house, is the spring that has never failed. It is walled with rock just as our great grandfather Casper Shell placed them there one hundred and fifty years ago.

The water in the spring is crystal clear and extra cool, it flows from under a large Sycamore tree which stands on the bank above the spring, and looks to be as old as the spring itself. The water flows continuously for about one hundred yards and then empties into a little creek that never goes dry.

The old home place is now occupied by a grandson who was born on Sunday, March 6, 1853, and is still living at this writing December 22, 1952.

The stone walls in the cellar and in the two chimneys are wonderful to look at as the rocks are well shaped and fit together nice, one wonders how they could do such nice work back when they had practically no tools to work with. The windows and doors were hand made, and they fit as neat as the factory made ones of today. The old house has been torn down but the two old chimneys are still standing.

This Casper Shell was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County, back in 1806 or 1807. He served as Deputy Sheriff and Justice of Peace for sixteen years. At Jackson, Mo. are marriage records and other official papers showing that he did his duty as a Public Official.

Bearers of the name Shell who served with Colonial Forces during the American Revolution include: Ludwick, Nicholas, Peter, Lewis, Adam, Andras, Andrew, George, Henry, Michael and William Shell of Pennsylvania. There was also a large list from Maryland, Virginia and New York. Several of them gave their lives for this great country of ours.

This Michael Shell named in the list is our ancestor, being the father of Casper Shell Sr. who was the father of Casper Shell Jr. This Casper Shell Jr. is the one that came to this part of the country in 1804, and is the progenitor of all the Shells that are named in this book.

In the Civil War of 1861 to 1865 the Shell families furnished their full quoto of soldiers and several gave their lives for their cause. And the same is true of World Wars 1 and2, also in the war that is going on at the present time, 1953.

Settlements of Bollinger County Missouri.

It has been stated that the first settlements in the present limits of Bollinger County were made along the Big and Little White Rivers, there were few locations elsewhere in the county prior to 1804. However concessions were made to Edward Haythorne and Joseph Watkins on Castor River, along the St. Francis County line. Also to Thomas Lewis, James Smith, Lemuel Hargraves and Peter Frank on Hog Creek in the year 1805.

John Lorance who came from North Carolina with Col Bollinger, married and located on Crooked Creek where Eli Deck now lives, and about the same time Daniel Hahn settled on the creek that now bears his name. About one-half mile south of Lutesville, Casper Shell also located on the same creek. Peter Baker opened the farm now occupied by his grandson of the same name. Opposite John Lorance on Crooked Creek was Henry Baker. John Deck was also a pioneer in this portion of the county, and in and around Glen Allen there located several families also from North Carolina, among them were George and Jacob Wilfong, Jacob Hinkle and Jacob Clodfelter.

This History was written in the year 1880 by Houck.

In the year 1732, Michael Shell Sr., a native of the German Palatinate, came to America by way of Rotterdam. It seems that he returned to Germany, for he again came to America in the year 1738. He arrived at Philadelphia Pennslyvania and took the oath of allegiance in the Courthouse at Philadelphia, in Sept. of that year. This Michael Sr. emmigrated on the ship Nancy accompanied by his son Michael Jr. and settled near Boshenhoppen in Philadelphia County, Pa.,where he died in 1770.

By his first wife Veronica he had four children, Jacob, Mary, Michael Jr., and John, but his second wife Magdalena gave him no children.

Michael Shell Jr. resided in Berks County Pennsylvania until October 1765, then moved south to Catawba County, North Carolina. He took up land adjoining the Johanas Hahn and Henry Whitner plantations. Michael Shell Jr., Johanas Hahn and Henry Whitner were the first white settlers in North Carolina.

Michael Shell Jr. and his wife had issue of seven children, as named in history: Charles, Casper, Soloman, Anna Magaline, Sarah, Henry and Catherine Shell.

Michael Shell's children as recorded in Yoders History of Catawba County, North Carolina, in 1775.

Charles Shell son of Michael Shell Jr., married a woman by the name of Hahn and moved to Ohio, we find no more recorded history of him.

Casper Shell Sr., a son of Michael Shell, was born in Pennsylvania in the year of 1746, and moved with his father to North Carolina in 1765.

Soloman Shell, a son of Michael Shell Jr. (see page 10).

Anna Magaline Shell, daughter of Michael Shell Jr. married Christian Hahn.

Sarah Shell, daughter of Michael Shell Jr., married Henry Whitner, in 1765, about the time they emmigrated to North Carolina.

Henry Shell, a son of Michael Shell Jr. never married.

Catherine Shell, a daughter of Michael Shell Jr. married Capt. Henry Whitner as his second wife, when she was fifteen years old. Sarah, Capt. Whitner's first wife died during the Revolutionary War, then he married her younger sister Catharine and moved to Missouri.

Yoders History says that Charles Shell, Casper Shell, Soloman Shell and Henry Shell had three sisters and that all the Shells in North Carolina were related to each other.

Soloman Shell, a son of Michael Shell Jr., evidently lived a bachelor's life, for as oftimes as Yoders History speaks of him, it does not say anything about him having a wife or children. It only quotes him as having two sisters and four brothers.

He was a very prominant man in his time, for history often speaks of him as bondsman, on marriage license, also as witness to marriages and wills, which was very much in use at that time, it looks as though that almost every settler that was head of a family, made a will of his property, whether large or small amount. On other occasions he is spoken of as a pioneer.

Conrad Yoder was one of the first settlers of Catawba County, North Carolina. He had a hobby of keeping a diary of all the daily events and happenings of that time, and during his lifetime he accumulated a lot of history of the early settlers of the State and County.

This diary is very highly prized, and is in the State Museum.

From the Whitner Record Book.

Catherine Shell, a daughter of Michael Shell, was born in 1770. In 1785 she married Capt. Henry Whitner, a Revolutionary War Officer. He was born in 1752. She was fifteen years of age when she married.

In 1804 they came to Missouri and settled near Marquand where Capt. Henry Whitner died in 1811, and his wife Catherin died in 1822. They are buried near Marquand, Mo.

Catherine was a twin sister to Casper Shell.

Capt. Whitner's first wife was Sarah Shell, a sister of his second wife, Catherine, also a sister of Anna Magaline Shell who married Christian Hahn.

This record was given by Mrs. C. L. Whitner, 714 South Maple St., Fredericktown, Mo.

Casper Shell Sr., son of Michael Shell Jr., was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1746. The census of North Carolina, taken in 1790, gives him as having three sons over sixteen, one under, and three females, including heads of families. Wife's name not given. Eight children were born to this union.

Casper Shell Jr., was born in the year 1770, and married a woman by the name of Mary according to an old deed recorded in Marble Hill, Mo.

Samuel Shell was born in the year of 1772, and married Mary Frye on Thursday, July 18, 1805.

Benjimin Shell, was born in 1774, and married Elizabeth Bollinger on Thursday, August 13, 1807.

Three daughters were born next in order, but their names and birth dates are not given in history.

Charles Shell, was born in 1787, and married Elizabeth Hahn, on Saturday, July 16, 1808.

Soloman Shell, was born in 1789, and married Nancy Frye on Sunday Jan. 13, 1811.

Charles Shell's marriage was witnessed by Jacob Sales and Phillip Hinkle, bondsmen.

Casper Shell Jr. and his wife Mary, were married in North Carolina by the old English Ruple, that is, to have the preacher announce for three consecutive Sundays that Mr. So and So and Miss So and So, wish to get married on a set Sunday after the announcements. That way marriage license was not required, just a church record was all that was necessary.

So Casper Shell Jr. and Mary were married on Sunday, June 3, 1794. This Casper Jr. was a son of Casper Shell Sr. that moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina in 1765, with his father Michael Shell Jr., and took up land adjoining the Henry Whitner and Johanas Hahn plantations near what is now Hickory, North Carolina. They were among the first white settlers in that part of the State.

Michael Shell Jr. died in 1790, and his father Michael Sr. died in 1770, and was buried at Boshenhoppen, in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

According to Houck's History of Southeast Missouri, this Casper Shell Jr. came to what is now Bollinger County Missouri, and homesteaded land near Lutesville. One of his grandsons is living on the old home place at this writing, Dec. 22, 1952.

Casper Shell Jr. son of Casper Shell Sr. was born and raised in North Carolina. He was born in 1770, and married a woman named Mary in 1794. Fourteen children were born to this union.

John Shell, was born on Monday, June 2, 1795.
David Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 29, 1796.
Fannie Shell, was born on Monday, Dec. 20, 1798.
Mary Shell, was born on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1801.
Casper Shell III, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1804.
Daniel Shell, was born Friday, May 1, 1806.
Benjimin Shell, was born Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1808.
Henry Shell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1810.
Polly Shell, was born Tuesday, May 14, 1812.
Catherina Shell, was born Monday, Feb. 15, 1814.
Phillip Shell, was born Wednesday, May 1, 1816.
Jesse Shell, was born Thursday, July 30, 1818.
Sampson Shell, was born Saturday, Nov. 13, 1819.
Nancy Shell, was born Wednesday, June 18, 1823.

Fannie Shell died at the age of 17 years, and she was the first person buried in the Shell Cemetary. According to an old family legend, the Indians were helping to care for her in her illness, and one night a bright light appeared on the hill just west of the house. The Indians said that she would die shortly and they should bury her where the light appeared. The next morning Fannie died and was buried as the Indians had instructed. This cemetary is located near Lutesville, Bollinger County, Missouri.

John Shell, the first child of Casper Jr. and Mary Shell was born, Monday June 2, in 1795, in North Carolina. On Sept. 2, 1819 he married Fanny Hahn. Justice of Peace William Johnson performing the ceremony. Two children were born to this union.

Anna Shell, was born Saturday, January 16, 1819.

James M. Shell, was born on Tuesday, September 2, 1828.

Shortly afterward Fanny died, and John married her sister Sarah Hahn in 1838. One child was born to them.

John Shell Jr. son of John Sr. and Sarah Shell, was born Tuesday, November 11, 1841. He married Sally Hahn. Then on Friday, April 1, 1864, John Jr. died at the age of 22 years, five months, and 22 days. Sally died shortly afterward; they left no chindren.

James M. Shell died on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1884, at the age of 55 years and four months. He never married.

A TRUE LOVE STORY

John Shell, the first child of Casper and Mary, was born on Monday, June 2, 1795, in the State of North Carolina. He came with his father and mother to what is now Missouri in the year of 1804, while the Indians were still plentiful. John helped his father clear the land, plant corn and wheat for bread. Their meat was the wild turkey and deer that infested the woods.

When John was about 23 years of age he began courting a girl named Fanny Hahn, daughter of Benedict Hahn. The two wished to marry but Mr. Hahn objected, and chased John away with violent threats. However they all found later that they had made a serious mistake, which kindled Mr. Hahn's anger even more so, for on Sat., January 16, 1819 a baby daughter was born to John and Fanny, which was named Anna but as time went by Mr. Hahn's anger subsided and he repented of what he had done and said. John and Fanny were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday Sept. 2, 1819 by William Johnson, Justice of Peace. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1828, a son was born which they named James M. Shell.

Sometime afterward Fanny died, and John then married her younger sister Sarah Hahn in 1838. John Shell Jr. was born to John and Sarah Shell on November 11, 1841. He married Sally Hahn (a cousin) in 1862. Then on Friday, April 1, 1864, John Jr. died at the age of 22 years, 5 months, and 22 days. His wife Sally died soon afterwards. They left no children.

Anna Shell, first child of John and Fanny Shell, married Devault Hahn, on Sunday, July 24, 1836. They had two children which are listed below:

Malinda Hahn was born Saturday, June 17, 1837.

Winchester Hahn was born Friday, April 10, 1840.

Anna (Shell) Hahn died on Thursday, June 30, 1864, and her brother, James M. Shell died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1864. James M. Shell never married.

John Shell Sr. father of Anna, James M. and John Jr. Shell died on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1853, age 58 years, 2 months and 21 days. His second wife Sarah, died Oct. 7, 1882.

Malinda Hahn, daughter of Anna (Shell) Hahn and Devault Hahn, married Frederick Shell, my father, and they had two children, both of which died young, then Malinda died and Frederick Shell married a first cousin of Malinda's. They had four sons: Henry S. Shell, Jesse M. Shell, David L. Shell and Daniel A. Shell.

THE HOLY BIBLE

In compiling the King James Version of the Bible, fifty four translators were appointed for the task and paid out of church funds, and also given Ecclesiastical preference when vacancies arose.

The King James Version was a revision of the Bishops Bible and was begun in 1604, it was published in 1611. The actual work of revision occupied about two years and nine months.

The first complete translation of the Bible into the English language was made by John Wycliffe on a scroll in 1380.

The first book printed was the Holy Bible, it was printed between the years 1450 and 1455, at Mentz, Germany, by Guttensburg, the reputed inventor of printing. He made the letters by hand used in the printing, and about 150 copies of this Bible were printed and one copy was found up in a New England state, and sold for $150,000.00 to a book store. It is not the age of a book that establishes its value, but its rarity.

David Shell, second son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born Monday, Sept. 29, 1796. He married Sarah Eaker in November, 1823. Sarah was born Sunday, July 22, 1804. She died Tuesday, April 13, 1852. David died on Sunday, January 25, 1846. Nine chindren were born to this union.

Michael Shell was born on Thursday, Nov. 25, 1824.

Casper Shell was born Sunday, June 3, 1827, and died young.

Susannah Shell was born Friday, Feb. 27, 1829, she also died young.

Mary Shell was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 1831.

Catherine Shell was born Monday, Oct. 13, 1834.

Frederick Shell was born Monday, Oct. 13, 1834.

David Shell Jr. was born Saturday, April 8, 1837.

Alfred Shell was born Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1840.

Peter Shell was born Friday Oct. 27, 1843.

Note: Frederick Shell, listed above, was the father of David L. Shell, writer of this book.

As stated before, David Shell, the second child of Casper and Mary Shell, married Sarah Eaker, in Nov., 1823, and nine children were born to this union, two of them, Casper and Susannah Carolina, dying in infancy. Then David died on Sunday, Jan. 25, 1846, and his wife Sarah died Tuesday, April 13, 1852.

Their deaths left five minor heirs, under 21 years of age. An uncle of the children, Sampson Shell, was appointed administrator, by the County Court of Bollinger County, Mo. He ordered the Sheriff, William Grimsley, to advertise, and sell the land that belonged to their parents, David and Sarah Shell, which was forty acres, laying in NW¼ of SE½ of Section 7, township 30, range 10. The farm sold, at public auction, to the highest bidder, which was John Lutes for $300.00. Settlement made on Friday, Sept. 1, 1854.

The deed was signed by Michael Shell, Mary Shell (Lutes) Jessie Lutes, Mary's husband, Frederick Shell, Catherine Shell, David Shell, Alfred Shell and Peter Shell, the Heirs.

Michael Shell, son of David and Sarah Shell, was born Thursday, November 25, 1824. In 1845, he married Elizabeth Baker, who was born Saturday, June 11, 1825. Michael died on Saturday, December 2, 1854, and his wife Elizabeth, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1908. Three children were born to this union.

David Winchester Shell was born Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1846, and married Susan Collins on November 1, 1868. Susan was born Sunday, Feb. 7, 1847.

Missouri Shell, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Shell was born Friday, March 24, 1848. She married Wesley Eaker.

Sophrana Shell, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Shell, was born Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1849. She married Wesley Shell, a first Cousin, on Thursday, April 2, 1874. Back in those days, if you married, you either married an Indian girl, or had to marry kinfolks.

Peter Shell, youngest son of David and Sarah Shell, was born Friday, Oct. 27, 1843. He enlisted in the Army of the Civil War, serving in Company K3, Missouri State Cavalry, and was killed at Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Monday, Feb. 10, 1862.

David Winchester Shell, a son of Michael and Elizabeth Shell, was born, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1846. On Sunday, Nov. 1, 1868, he married Susan Collins, who was born Sunday, Feb. 7, 1847. Seven children were born to them.

Maranda Elizabeth Shell, was born Monday, Sept. 20, 1869, she married Wiley Devault, Thursday, May 31, 1888.

Ida Orleane Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 9, 1872. She married John Bess, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1891.

Mary C. Shell, was born Sunday, February 7, 1875. On Sunday, Nov. 17, 1895, she married Edward Dillinger.

Sadia Shell, was born, Monday, Jan. 3, 1881. She never married.

Hattie Shell, was born Saturday, March 20, 1886.

Noah Winchester Shell was born Aug. 4, 1877.

Maggie Ellen Shell, was born Friday, Sept. 16, 1887. She died, Oct. 21, 1891.

Noah Winchester Shell, son of David Winchester Shell, was born Thursday, August 4, 1877. He married Martha Elvira Whitner, on Sunday, Sept. 1, 1912; she was born Satudday, Feb. 2, 1884. Five children were born to this union.

Mary Lois, was born Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1913.

Letty Lenora, was born Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1916.

Charles Elbert, was born Sunday, July 7, 1918, and died on Wednesday, August 6, 1919.

Lester Carrold, was born Wednesday, August 25, 1920.

Leslie Harold, was born Wednesday, August 25, 1920.

Mary Lois Shell, married Jesse Lee, on Monday, Jan. 31, 1949; three children were born to this union.

Dennis Wayne, was born Monday, Dec. 26, 1949.

Linda Irene, was born Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1951.

Glenda Lorene, was born Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1951.

Letty Lenore Shell, married Clarence Dellinger, Sunday, February 19, 1939. They had two children.

Clarence Wilson, was born Saturday, March 23, 1940.

Glenda Lucille, was born Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1941.

Lester Carroll Shell, married Maxine Brenda Speer, on Monday, Aug. 26, 1946. One child was born to this union.

Brenda Carroll, was born Wednesday, June 22, 1949.

Sophrana Shell, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Shell, was born Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1842. She married Wesley Shell on Thursday, April 2, 1874. They had eight children as follows:

Robert Elbert, was born Friday, April 12, 1878, and died Nov. 7, 1903.

Minnie Bell, was born Thursday, Sept. 16, 1880. She died Monday, Oct. 8, 1906.

Osie E. Shell, was born Wednesday, May 16, 1883, and he died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1908.

Adam W. Shell, was born Thursday, Sept. 3, 1885.

Dellia C. Shell, was born Thursday, July 26, 1888. She married Albert Eaker, on Sunday, March 29, 1909. One child was born to them, Nelson Eaker.

Monroe Shell, was born Friday, July 31, 1891.

Oscar Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 8, 1894, and married Ida Hedrick. They have no children.

Ellen Shell, was born Saturday, March 25, 1876. She married Layfate Barrett, on Thursday, Sept. 24, 1896. Seven children were born to this union.

Sophrana Shell, wife of Wesley Shell, and mother of the children named on the previous page, died on Monday, Feb. 25, 1907, at the age of 64 years, 4 months, and 22 days.

Monroe J. Shell, son of Wesley and Sophrana Shell, was born Friday, July 31, 1891. He married Ida Eaker on Sunday, Feb. 15, 1914. They were blessed with eight children.

Opal Shell, was born on Wednesday, June 17, 1914.

Lester Shell, was born on Wednesday, July 25, 1917.

Dorothy Shell, was born on Friday, Feb. 14, 1919.

Zetta Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921.

Lauretta Shell, was born on Wednesday, April 18, 1923.

Elmer L. Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 19, 1924.

Raymond L. Shell, was born on Monday, July 16, 1928.

Coram Buford Shell, was born on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1915, and died on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1920.

Opal Shell, married Kenneth Farney, on Thursday, March 14, 1935. They have four children as follows:

Shirley Jean, born Monday, April 13, 1936.

Lloyd Roger, was born Thursday, Dec. 28, 1939.

Dolores Marie, born Friday, Dec. 16, 1941.

Lyle Dean, was born on Thursday, Jan. 27, 1944.

Lester Shell died on Thursday, April 14, 1949.

Lloyd Roger Farney died on Sunday, June 15, 1952.

Dorothy Marie, daughter of Monroe and Ida Shell, married Vernon Donley, on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1935. Eight children were born to them.

Jean Avis Donley, was born Saturday, Aug. 8, 1936.

Rita Elaine Donley, was born Monday, July 4, 1938.

Beverly Joan Donley, was born Saturday, Nov. 30, 1940.

Bernice Luella Donley, was born Tuesday, May 13, 1941.

Carol Santa Donley, was born Friday, Dec. 25, 1942.

Deane Elizabeth Donley, was born Sunday, Aug. 20, 1944.

Julia Lynn Donley, was born Tuesday, March 12, 1946.

Vernon Lennie Donley, was born Monday, Feb. 27, 1950.

Zetta Shell, daughter of Monroe and Ida Shell, married Joseph Yoder, on Monday, Dec. 31, 1945. They have two children:

Arnold Joseph Yoder, was born on

John Lester Yoder, was born on

Lauretta Shell, daughter of Monroe and Ida Shell.

Elmer Lloyd Shell, son of Monroe and Ida Shell, married Anglyn Brower, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1950.

Raymond Leslie Shell, son of Monroe and Ida Shell.

Coram Buford Shell, son of Monroe and Ida Shell.

Casper Shell, son of David and Sarah Shell, was born Sunday, June 3, 1827. He evidently died at an early age, for according to a deed to some land that was sold to John Lutes, all the heirs of David and Sarah Shell, signed the deed except Casper. No mention of him at that time, or later on in any family records. He evidently died before that time, at about 8 or 10 years of age.

Susannah Carolina Shell, daughter of David and Sarah Shell, was born Friday, Feb. 27, 1829, and died young according to a family record, in an old Bible that was translated and published by the Methodist Church in 1814.

Mary Shell, daughter of David and Sarah Shell, was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 1831. She married Jesse Lutes, who was born on Monday, Aug. 25, 1828. They were married in 1849, and had issue of seven children, as named below.

Sophia Catharine, Villie, Henderson, Jesse B., Frederick, Louisa and Jacob Lutes.

Catherine Shell, daughter of David and Sarah Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 13, 1834, and married David Lutes, on Sunday, March 7, 1858. Nine children were born to them.

Mary Caroline Lutes was born Wednesday, July 27, 1859, and died Sunday, Oct. 5, 1935.

Alexander Frank Lutes, was born Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1860, and passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1939.

David Washington Lutes, was born Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1862. He died Thursday, Aug. 24, 1939.

Eli Melvin Lutes, was born Thursday, Sept. 29, 1864, and died Saturday, April 11, 1942.

Thomas Monroe Lutes, was born on Friday, Nov. 2, 1866, and died March, 1951.

Jesse Arvil Lutes, was born Friday, Aug. 28, and died on Monday, May 1, 1939.

Adam Rosewell Lutes, was born Friday, March 1, 1872. He passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 1938.

Martha Ellen Lutes, was born Saturday, Nov. 15, 1879, and died Friday, Aug. 25, 1950.

Frederick Shell, a son of David and Sarah Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 13, 1834. On April 28, 1859, he married Malinda Hahn, daughter of Devault Hahn. She was born Saturday, June 17, 1837. They had issue of two sons. They married on Thursday, April 28, 1859.

Sampson Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 14, 1861, and died Sunday, Oct. 5, 1862.

Frederick Devault Shell, was born Tuesday, March 30, 1866, and died Tuesday, July 24, 1866.

On Thursday, April 27, 1866, Malinda Shell, wife of Frederick Shell, died at the age of 29 years and a few days.

After Frederick Shell and Malinda Hahn were married, they moved to Benjamin Shell's farm on Castor River, that was near Malinda's father, Devault Hahn's farm. Their marriage was recorded in the Old Church Book of the Methodist Church that was organized at Peter Kinder's home in 1855, in Wayne County, Mo.

They lived at this farm for some three or four years, then moved east to the 200 acre farm that he had homesteaded in Section 4, Township 29, Range 9. There as stated above, his wife Malinda died, Thursday, April 27, 1866.

Frederick Shell and Susan Adline Crader were married Sunday, August 19, 1866. Susan was born on Sunday, Feb. 12, 1843. To this union four sons were born.

Henry Sherman Shell, was born Thursday, May 30, 1867, and died May 8, 1947.

Jesse Monroe Shell, was born Wednesday, October 14, 1868, and died Monday, July 4, 1949.

David Levi Shell, was born Sunday, March 19, 1871.

Daniel Alfred Shell, was born Saturday, March 21, 1874.

This Frederick Shell, died on Tuesday, May 4, 1880, and his wife, Susan Shell, died in 1917.

Henry Sherman Shell, son of Frederick and Susan Shell, was born May 30, 1867. On Sept. 22, 1887, he married Rosie Barrett. To this union three children were born, two girls and a boy, as follows:

Alma Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 18, 1888.

Bertha Shell, was born Sunday, Jan 22, 1890.

Lester H. Shell, was born on Thursday, July 26, 1900, on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1941 he married Bonnie Green. She was born Dec. 11, 1916. They had one child, Jeanetta, that was born Sunday, March 16, 1948.

Henry Sherman Shell was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a good worker in Sunday School, being a Class Leader, and Superintendent, and a leader in prayer service. He was one of those that didn't worship God altogether as a duty, but because he wanted to. In that he had a good cause for wanting to, for God gave his Son as a redeemer for all who love and worship Him. Henry Sherman Shell died on Thursday, May 8, 1947.

Alma May Shell, daughter of Henry S. and Rosie Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 18, 1888. On Sunday, Sept. 19, 1909 she was married to Francis Staats by the Rev. S. G. Virgin. They were the parents of nine children.

Myrtle Staats, was born Tuesday, July 5, 1910.

Eva Adline Staats, was born on Tuesday, April 16, 1912.

Homer Francis Staats, was born on Friday, Jan. 16, 1914.

Edna Omega Staats, was born Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1916.

Perry Henry Staats, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1918.

Rosalle Staats, was born on Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920.

Thelma Catherine Staats, was born Wed., Oct. 11, 1922.

Joseph Harold Staats, was born Monday, Sept. 8,1924.

Stella May Staats, was born Wed., Dec. 15, 1926.

Bertha Shell, daughter of Henry S. and Rosie Shell, was born Sunday, Jan. 19, 1890, married C. M. Null on June 2, 1907, by Rev. J. G. Huff. Seven childern were born to them:

Susie A. Null, Audron Elvis Null, Myrtle Marie Null, Ruby Null, Edison Null, Mildred Null, and Hayse Null.

Jessie Monroe Shell, son of Frederick and Susan Adline Shell, married Fannie Eaker on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1888. Four children were born to this union.

Avery Shell, was born on Saturday, Aug. 11, 1890.

Massie Ann Shell, was born Thursday, Oct. 8, 1891, and on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1909, she married Daniel H. Clubb.

Peter Henry Shell, was born Tuesday, May 9, 1893, and married Martha Garison. Peter Henry's twin sister died at birth.

Fannie, wife of Jessie Monroe, died Tuesday, May 16, 1893.

Jessie Monroe Shell, after the death of his first wife then married Fannie Bell Myers, on Sunday, Aug. 20, 1893. She was born Saturday, Oct. 25, 1873. They had two children.

Lessie Mildred Shell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1902, and died Thursday, July 12, 1904.

Omer Jessie Shell, was born Monday, Nov. 20, and married Margaret Rush.

Jessie Monroe Shell, died on Monday, July 4, 1949.

Omer Jessie Shell, son of Jessie Monroe and Fannie Bell Shell, was born Nov. 20, 1905. He married Margaret Rush on Friday, Dec. 25, 1926. Margaret was born Sunday, Oct. 15, 1911. Six children were born to them.

Jessie Marie, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 1927.

Wilda L. was born Friday, May 15, 1929, and died at birth.

Omer Jesse Jr., was born Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1930.

Miles Edward, was born Saturday, March 4, 1933.

Jerry Layman, was born Friday, Aug. 13, 1937.

Oleta Ann, was born Friday, Nov. 29, 1940.

Omer Jesse Shell Jr. was married on Thursday, April 10, 1952, to Irene R. Bruce. He joined the U.S. Army on July 15, 1948.

Miles Edward Shell, was married on Wednesday, April 23, 1952, to Betty Ann Hackett. He joined the U. S. Navy on Monday, May 15, 1950.

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Noah Melvin Shell, son of Alfred and Harietta Shell, was born Wednesday, March 23, 1883. On Sunday, Feb. 5, 1905, he married Ida Bell Mouser. Three children were born to this union.

Lura Shell, was born in 1905. She married Lowell James. They had no children.

Gertrude Shell, was born in———. She married Roy Deck.

Cyrus Shell, was born Sunday, June 5, 1915. Married Oneta Barks.

Daniel A. Shell, son of Frederick and Susan Shell, was born Sunday, March 21, 1874. He married Sarah Bridges on Sunday May 27, 1894. They had two children.

Elsie Shell, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Shell, married E. Z. Hill. They had four children.

Otto Shell, son of Daniel and Sarah Shell, married Elsie Streets. They had three children:

Emma Jean Shell, Harry Shell, and Mildred Shell.

David Levi Shell, son of Frederick and Susan Shell, was born on Sunday, March 19, 1871. He married Mary E. Day on Sunday, Dec. 21., 1890. She was born on Friday, May 3, 1872, and died Monday, Oct. 5, 1836. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and loved to work in the church. I don't remember at just what age, but when a very small girl she joined the Church.

She was buried in the Dry Creek Cemetary, about three miles west of Lutesville. I remember very well, just a short time before she was taken sick, there was a protracted meeting being conducted at Palmore Church near Hahn, Mo. and one particular night a young man came in just after the services began. The preacher delivered a very interesting sermon, and when he made the altar call, this young man came forward and sat down on a front seat (he was a stranger to us all) the preacher asked Mary, my wife, to lead in prayer, and in her prayer she asked God to bless and save this young man, while he being a stranger to us, yet he is some mother's son who is much concerned about him and his where-abouts tonight. When Mary mentioned the fact that he was some mother's son, the boy fell off the seat and lay prone on the floor until the prayer was over, then he arose and left the church before anyone got to talk to him. However, some of those on the outside said later that boy left in the same direction that he came. In other cases, as in this one, it seemed that she had great power in prayer, although she didn't believe very much in praying for anyone unless that they were present to hear what was being said, for in hearing the prayer they could be led in the right way, and often to God.

David Shell Jr., son of David and Sarah Shell was born on Saturday, April 8, 1837. On Thursday, Oct. 13, 1859, he married Susannah Caroline Crader. She was born Sunday, April 24, 1842, and died on Monday, Feb. 12, 1866. They were the parents of three children. David Shell Jr. died Tuesday, June 6, 1916.

Mary Catherine, was born on Friday, Sept. 14, 1860, and in 1884 she married Lawson Sitzes, two children, Roswell and Wilbur Sitzes were born to this union.

Troy Alfred Shell, was born on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1863.

Frederick Winchester Shell, was born Sunday, Sept. 24, 1865.

Then on Sunday, March 31, 1872, David Shell Jr. married Mary Elizabeth Pickett. She was born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1849, and died Saturday, Oct. 28, 1881. They had one child.

David Wilkerson Shell, was born Saturday, Feb. 28, 1874, and died on Monday, Sept. 24, 1896.

Troy Alfred Shell, son of David and Susannah Shell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1863. On Thursday, May 27, 1886, he was married to Lucretia Sitze by P. V. Rauls, J.P. Lucretia was born Monday, Nov. 16, 1868, and died on Tuesday July 16, 1916. They had issue of seven children as follows:

Lafayette Shell, was born on Friday, Jan. 17, 1887.

Jennie Shell, was born Saturday, April 28, 1888.

Minnie Shell, a twin sister of Jennie.

May Shell, was born Tuesday, Jan 30, 1894.

Robert Shell, was born Saturday, March 2, 1895.

Milbern Shell, was born Sunday, Jan. 3, 1897.

One child was born and died at birth in 1890.

Troy Alfred Shell, died on Sunday, night Oct. 19, 1952.

Lafayette Shell, born Jan. 17, 1887, married Dee Huddleson and were the parents of three children.

Anetia Shell, Delores Shell and Norma Shell.

Troy Alfred Shell's second marriage was to Racheal Bell Goodson Hahn, on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1918.

~~Troy alfred Shell Died on Nov. 20,~~

Jennie Shell, daughter of Troy A. and Lucretia Shell was born Saturday, April 28, 1888. Married Blaine Mintner on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1907. Rev. T. W. Cooper, minister of the Gospel, performing the ceremony. They had four children.

Emma Mintner, was born on Friday, July 3, 1908.

Valley Mintner, was born Saturday, March 26, 1910.

Marie Minter, was born on Monday, March 11, 1912.

Glenn Minter, was born Sunday, April 2, 1916.

Minnie Shell, twin sister of Jennie, was born April 28, 1888. She married D. W. Sitze on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1906. S. B. Huffman, J.P., conducted the ceremony. Four children were born to them.

Earl Sitze, was born Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

Beulah Sitze, was born on Sunday, June 26, 1910.

Louava Sitze, was born Thursday, July 26, 1917.

Margaret Sitze, was born Sunday, June 22, 1924.

Minnie (Shell) Sitze Deceased 4/16 1954

May Shell, daughter of Troy L. and Lucretia Shell, was born Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1894, and on Sunday, May 30, 1915, she married Estel Mouser. Rev. W. J. Bailey conducting the ceremony. One child was born to this union.

Frederick Mouser, was born Tuesday, June 20, 1916.

Robert L. Shell, son of Troy A. L. and Lucretia Shell, was born Saturday, March 2, 1895. He married Nettie Long on Thursday, Oct. 28, 1915. Rev. F. F. Yount conducted the marriage. Robert L. Shell is a minister of the gospel, Pastoring in the Missionary Baptist churches. They were parents of one child.

Earl Lee Shell, was born Saturday, May 8, 1920.

Milbern Shell, son of Troy A. L. Shell and Lucretia Shell, was born on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1897. He married Lennie Carlyon on Saturday, July 2, 1921. Two children were born to this union.

Thema Vernice Shell, was born Monday, Jan. 1, 1923.

Vada Marie Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 8, 1928.

Thelma Bernice Married to Ernie Smigell on april 1954 and on Jan 22/1954 Deceased

Frederick W. Shell, son of David and Susannah Shell was born on Sept. 24, 1865. On Sunday, March 15, 1891 he married Mary E. Huffman. She was born Friday, Feb. 10, 1871, and died Wednesday, March 14, 1923. Seven sons were born to this union.

One son was born and died on Sunday, April 17, 1892.

Twin sons were born and died on Monday, March 27, 1893.

Henry Elmer Shell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1894.

Slyvester Shell, was born Friday, Sept. 10, 1897.

William Franklin Shell, was born Dec. 8, 1901.

Vernon Lee Shell, was born Tuesday, March 27, 1906, and was married to Oletha R. Moore on May 12, 1935. She was born Jan. 8, 1913. Twin sons were born to this union.

Gerald Lee and Earl Lynn Shell were born Feb. 24, 1940.

Henry Elmer Shell, son of Frederick W. Shell was born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1894. And in 1917 he married Myrtle Sitze. She was born Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1896, and died Monday, May 19, 1952. No children were born to this union.

Sylvester Shell, son of Frederick Shell, was born Sept. 10, 1897. He married Minnie Stilts in 1918. They had two children.

George Howard Shell, was born Saturday, Aug. 2, 1919.

Vest Fern Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 30, 1924.

George Howard Shell, son of Slyvester and Minnie Shell, was born Saturday, Aug. 2, 1919, about nine miles west of Glenn Allen, Mo. He married Mildred Bess of Marble Hill, Mo., on Nov. 16, 1942, at Reno, Nevada. They have one son, Jackie Howard Shell, born Sunday, June 23, 1946. On Tuesday, March 3, 1942, George Howard Shell enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served overseas for about two years, making the invasion of Tarawa, Siapan and Einwatok, also some other places that I can't recall just now. He was discharged from the service on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1945, after being wounded on the island of Tarawa and Siapan.

Vesta Fern Shell, daughter of Sylvester and Minnie Shell was born Thursday, Oct. 30, 1924. She married John Hancock of Doniphan, Mo., on Saturday, April 1, 1944, at Texarkana, Texas. No children as yet. Vesta was born nine miles west of Glen Allen, Bollinger County, Mo.

William Franklin Shell, son of Frederick W. Shell, was born on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1901. He married Clara Parsons in 1922. Two children were born to this union:

Alvin Shell, was born on Monday, Dec. 17, 1923.

Myrle Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1926.

Alvin Shell, son of William Franklin Shell, married Wanda Lawrence on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1943. They have one child:

Peggey Shell, was born on Monday, Jan. 6, 1947.

David Wilkerson Shell, son of David Shell and his second wife, Mary, was born Saturday, Feb. 28, 1874, and married Sarah Jennetie Turner in 1894. Sarah was born Oct. 5, 1868. Two children were born to this union.

Lou Ida Shell, was born Saturday, Jan. 9, 1897, and died on Friday, Feb. 25, 1921.

F. M. Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 16, 1895, and married Anna Elizabeth Irwin on Thursday, Aug. 17, 1916. Anna Elizabeth was born Saturday, Oct. 8, 1897. They had one child, Irwin Sherwood Shell, who was born Friday, Aug. 3, 1917.

Alfred Shell, a son of David and Sarah Shell, also a brother of Frederick Shell, was born Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1840, and died Wednesday, June 4, 1924. He married Harriett Frazier on Saturday, June 1, 1867. She was born Thursday, Aug. 3, 1848 and died on Thursday, Jan. 31, 1895. Eight children were born to this union.

James D. Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 7, 1868, and died ——————.

John Monroe Shell, was born Sunday, Feb. 6, 1870, and died——————.

Alfred M. Shell, was born Sunday, Feb. 11, 1872, and died on Friday, Sept. 7, 1877.

Marcus R. Shell, was born Monday, Feb. 10, 1874. Alive at this time.

Daniel Franklin Shell, was born Thursday, Sept. 14, 1876, and died Monday, Aug. 26, 1894.

Frederick B. Shell, was born Monday, Nov. 24, 1879, and died—— ———.

Noah Melvin Shell, was born Wednesday, March 23, 1883, and died Saturday, April 26, 1919.

Rozila Alberta Shell, was born Saturday, June 12, 1886, and died Feb. 21, 1918. She married Alfred Chance.

James David Shell, son of Alfred and Harriett Shell, was born Friday, Aug. 7, 1868. On Thursday, Jan. 3, 1889, he married Alabama Barrett. Rev. Frederick Eaker, minister. Alabama Barrett was born on Friday, Feb. 18, 1870, and died Feb. 26, 1918. They were the parents of twelve children.

Rosewell Shell, was born Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1889.
Ethel A. Shell, was born Saturday, Dec. 13, 1890.
Martha G. Shell, was born Sunday, Sept. 25, 1894.
Valey A. Shell, was born Saturday, Jan. 2, 1892.
A. McKinley Shell, was born Sunday, Dec. 13, 1896.
Pearl S. Shell, was born Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1898.
Alfred H. Shell, was born Saturday, June 15, 1901.
Bennie R. Shell, was born Monday, June 29, 1903.
Silas S. Shell, was born Saturday, Oct. 28, 1905.
Andrew A. Shell, was born Friday, Feb. 28, 1908.
Ora Marie Shell, was born Monday, May 17, 1909.
Harvey Willard Shell, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 1913.
Andrew A. Shell died on Thursday, March 19, 1908.
Martha G. Shell died on Friday, March 9, 1917.
Bennie R. Shell died on Sunday, April 6, 1919.
Pearl R. Shell died on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1920.
Harvey Willard Shell died on Monday, Nov. 8, 1937.

James David Shell died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1950, at the age of almost 82 years.

John Monroe Shell, Son of Alfred and Harriett Shell was born Sunday, Feb. 6, 1870. He married Josephine Johnson on Feb. 23, 1896. She was born on Monday, July 19, 1880. They had eight children.

Joseph Alfred Shell, was born Monday, May 10, 1897.

James Wilford Shell, was born Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1899.

Lovie Elmyrtie Shell, was born Thursday, March 7, 1901.

Cecil Ervin Shell, was born Sunday, Feb. 7, 1904.

Hettie Gertrude Shell, was born Thursday, Nov. 10, 1910.

Elmina Juneta Shell, was born Thursday, Jan. 1, 1914.

Willard Franklin Shell, was born Friday, June 28, 1918.

Elizabeth Evelyn Shell, was born Thursday, Oct. 28, 1920.

Frederick B. Shell, son of Alfred and Harriett Shell, was born Monday, Nov. 24, 1879. On Sunday, Feb. 28, 1904, he was married to Amanda Myers, by Justice of Peace Jacob W. G. Hahn, they were the parents of four children.

Virgil Shell, was born Monday, Jan. 16, 1905.

Vernon Shell, was born Wednesday, June 27, 1906.

Joy Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 4, 1909.

Robert Shell, was born Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1921.

James Wilford Shell, son of John M. Shell, was born on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1899. He married Mattie Williford on Saturday, April 28, 1923. They were the parents of one child: Regenia Etheline Shell, who was born on Thursday, April 9, 1925, and married Earl Denny, of St. Louis; they had two children, Bobbie Denny and Susie Denny.

Lovie Elmertie Shell, daughter of John M. Shell, was born on Thursday, March 7, 1901. She married Martin McFarland in the year 1920. He was born May 6, 1895. To this union was born nine children:

Neta Flo McFarland was born Sunday, Dec. 12, 1920.
August Martin McFarland was born Sat., March 10, 1923.
Agatha Josephine McFarland was born Sun., June 1, 1924.
Billie Dale McFarland was born Sunday, Oct. 9, 1927.
Bettie Bernadine McFarland was born Sat., May 31, 1930.
Barbara Jane McFarland was born Friday, Jan. 18, 1935.
Patsy Ruth McFarland was born Sat., Sept. 15, 1938.
Mary Ann McFarland was born dead Fri., Jan. 17, 1941.
Rosa Sharon McFarland was born Mon., Nov. 29, 1943.
August Martin McFarland Jr. died Wed., July 25, 1923.

Cecil Ervin Shell, son of John M. Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1904. He married Daisy Bulery. They had one child; David Ervin Shell, who married Dorothy Canon, and they had one child Jacqueline Canon.

Elmina Juneta Shell, daughter of John M. Shell, was born on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1914. She married L. O. Beardsley in 1932. He was born on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1909. To this union were born nine children:

Vernia Lea Beardsley, was born on Sunday, Feb. 5, 1933.
Lovora Juanita Beardsley, was born Thurs., Apr. 19, 1934
Harold Joe Beardsley, was born Sat., Feb. 27, 1937.
Bobby Dean Beardsley, was born Tues., Oct. 4, 1938.
Danny Ray Beardsley, was born Thurs., May 16, 1940.
Gary Wayne Beardsley, was born Wed., Feb. 18, 1942.
Larry Dwane Beardsley, was born Tues., May 11, 1943.
Charles Wade Beardsley, was born Sun., March 11, 1945.
Sharon Kay Beardsley, was born Wed., Nov. 5, 1947.
Vernia Lea Beardsley died on Friday, May 18, 1934.

Willard Franklin Shell, son of John M. Shell, was born on Friday, June 28, 1918. He married Ruth Marie Spencer on Thur., March 3, 1937. One child was born to this union; Sandra Lynn Shell who was born Fri., April 4, 1947.

Elizabeth Evelyn Shell, daughter of John M. Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 28, 1920. She married Jesse Willford on Dec. 30, 1950. He was born Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1913.

Marcus R. Shell, son of Alfred and Harriett Shell was born on Monday, Feb. 10, 1874. He married Alice Baker on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1895. Alice was born in 1875. Eight children were born to this union.

Minnie Ann Shell, was born on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1895.

Dora E. Shell, was born on Sunday, Jan. 30, 1898.

Tora Shell, was born on Friday, May 25, 1900.

Iva Shell, was born on Saturday, Aug. 30, 1902.

Orvil Shell, was born on Friday, March 24, 1905.

Muriell Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1908.

Mary Shell, was born on Monday, Nov. 3, 1912.

Lethal Shell, was born on Thursday, May 14, 1914.

Marcus R. Shell and Alice S. Baker were married by the Rev. Frederick Eaker.

Minnie Ann Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born Sunday, Dec. 29, 1895. She married W. A. Miller on Sunday, Feb. 3, 1917. They were married by the Rev. W. B. Yount; they had two children.

Henry Miller and Minnie Ann Miller.

Dora E. Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born on Sunday, Jan. 30, 1898, and was married to Earl Hindershott on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1915, by Rev. W. F. Eaker.

Tora Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born Friday, May 25, 1900. She married Tom Deck. One child, Merlene Deck, was born to this union.

Iva Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born Saturday, Aug. 30, 1902. She married Melvin Mouser. Children were born to this union.

Murriel Shell, son of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1908, and married Lois Hahn on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1934. Two children were born to them.

Doris Shell, born ————; Jerry Shell, born ————

Mary Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born Nov. 3, 1912, and married Claude Francis, on Thursday, Oct. 1, 1931.

Arvil Shell, son of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born on Friday, March 24, 1905, and married Millie James in 1925. They had two children.

Gerald Shell, was born Thursday, Nov. 11, 1926. He married Alice Kinison, June 4, 1949. Alice was born Monday, May 12, 1930.

Wanda Shell, was born Sunday, Aug. 5, 1928.

Lethal Shell, daughter of Marcus and Alice Shell, was born Thursday, May 17, 1914. She married Troy Eaker.

Did you ever study Astronomy? Or what do you know about your calendar?

Do you remember of February ever having **Five** Sundays. Yes, February is the shortest month of the year, yet it can have five Sundays. Let's say, if February comes in on Sunday and it happens to be leap year, then February will go out on Sunday, making five Sundays, although the month had only 29 days. This happens every 28 years. It happened in the years 1824, 1852, 1880, then it jumped 40 years on account of the year 1900 was not a leap year. 1920, 1948 were next in line and the next time it will happen will be in 1976.

March comes in on the same day of the week that February does, (only 4 weeks later) except when February has five Sundays, then March comes in on Monday. February comes in on Sunday every sixth and eleventh year, and goes out on Saturday.

I am writing this, thinking that maybe I might tell you something that you did not know. If one would learn one new thing each day and not forget it, we would all be wise old people.

THE RAINBOW AT MIDNIGHT

I remember very well, while just a boy, my two older brothers and I went to visit my Uncle Alfred Shell's family to play with his boys. My Uncle and Aunt had gone to help care for some one that was sick at a neighbor's house. This was in the fall of 1885, when the full moon was at its greatest distance in the South. We played blindfold, grind the bottle, pussy wants a corner and William Trimble Toe, and several other games until after eleven o'clock when we started to go home. Upon leaving the house we saw a sight in the north, the like of which I had never seen before nor have I even seen it since.

In the North was a very black cloud, that came up and covered about the North half of the sky, and on that dark cloud was a very bright rainbow, a full half circle, that is the ends came to the ground, and the rainbow was almost as bright as you ever see in the daytime. However the cloud being black, and in the night time, only made the rainbow more conspicious.

At the time of rainbow, it was raining in the North and the full Moon in the South, shining on the rain, was the reason for this unusual sight, a very beautiful sight to look at.

Mary Shell, daughter and fourth child of Casper and Mary Shell, was born Saturday, Dec. 19, 1801. She married a man named Bollinger, and that is all the information that I could find about her.

Nancy Shell, daughter of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Wednesday, June 18, 1823. She never married, but lived with her brothers and nephews, and while living with her brother, Benjimin Shell, on Castor River, she joined the Methodist Church at the Peter Kinder home, and was a member until she died June 18, 1884, according to the Kinder Class book.

Polly Shell, daughter of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Thursday, May 14, 1812. She married Anderson Taylor, who died during the War of 1861-1865. He was in Company K State Militia Cavalry at the time of his death. Polly went insane and was sent to the State Asylum at Farmington, Mo., and she died there.

Casper Shell Jr., son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1804. He was their first child to be born in the state of Missouri, after their emmigration from North Carolina. He married Millie Hager, daughter of Gimpson Hager, in the year 1829. They had seven children.

Polly Shell, was born in 1830, married Henry Baker.

Cinthy Shell, was born in 1832, married Wesley Eaker.

Malinda Shell, was born in 1834, married John Bess.

Harriett Shell, was born 1836, married Anderson Bess.

Johnson M. Shell, was born Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1838, and married Malissa Howell.

Melvana Shell, was born Sunday, Nov. 1, 1840. She married Jefferson Bess.

Catharine Shell, was born in 1845, married Adam Perkins.

Millie Shell, wife of Casper Shell, died, and he married Mary Bess, widow of Lawson Bess, on Saturday, Sept. 11, 1847. They had one child, Monroe Shell who was born in 1848, and got married, but I was unable to find who it was or when.

Jonson M. Shell, son of Casper and Millie Shell, was born Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1838. He married Malissa Howell in the year 1864.

Jonson M. Shell served in Company K 3 Missouri State Militia Cavalry, as a Corporal during the Civil War. He died Thursday, March 24, 1910, and his wife Malissa died Dec. 6, 1917. They were the parents of ten children.

Mary Shell, was born Sunday, April 30, 1865.
Sherman Shell, was born Thursday, Sept. 6, 1866.
John Shell, was born Friday, April 10, 1868.
Ellen Shell, was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 1870.
Laura Shell, was born Saturday, Sept. 2, 1871.
Henry Shell, was born Saturday, Jan. 17, 1874.
Hayse Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 6, 1876.
Baxter Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1878.
Bertha Shell, was born on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1880.
Betty Shell, was born on Friday, April 21, 1882.

Daniel Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born May 1, 1806. He married Betsy Barks on Thursday, Dec. 10, 1829, they were married by Barnett Snider, J.P.

Daniel Shell was a Doctor, and used herbs for his medicine as that was the only kind of medicine to be had in those days. Four children were born to them.

Jacob Shell, was born Oct. 8, 1831. He married Elizabeth Howell in 1853. She was born Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1838.

Fanny Shell, was born in 1832, she married John Adams.

Elizabeth Shell was born in 1834. John Wiggins was her first husband, then she widowed and married George Kerr.

Daniel Shell Jr. was born in 1836, died at the age of 19.

Jacob Shell, son of Daniel and Betsy Shell, was born on Saturday, Oct. 8, 1831. He married Elizabeth Howell in the Year 1854. She was born on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1838. Seven children were born to this union.

Henry Shell, was born on Saturday, April 26, 1856, and died Thursday, March 16, 1899, age 32 yrs., 10 mos., 20 days.

Emma Shell, was born on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1857.

Elizabeth Shell, was born Monday, Jan. 13, 1862.

Lucy Shell, was born on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1865.

Daniel Shell, was born in 1868, died at the age of 7 mos.

John Shell, was born Sunday, July 6, 1873, and lived a bachelor's life.

George Shell, was born on Sunday, Jan. 14, 1877, and died on Saturday, Nov. 30, 1918. He never married.

Jacob Shell, died on Monday, Dec. 21, 1914, at the age of 83 years, 1 month, and 13 days. His wife Elizabeth died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 1918, age 76 years and 26 days.

Henry Shell, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Shell, was born Saturday, April 26, 1856. He married Chloe R. Killian on Nov. 16, 1881. They were married by Jacob Crites, J.P. Henry died March 16, 1899. They had five children.

Bertha Shell, who married William A. Shell Mar. 17, 1914.

Mary Shell, and Walter Shell

Norman Shell, married a girl by the name of Sample.

Otto Shell, married Emma Null.

Emma Shell, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1857. She married Wess Null, and they had four children, 3 girls and one boy. The family is all dead.

Elizabeth Shell, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Monday, Jan. 13, 1862. She married John M. Hill on Aug. 27, 1885. They had six children.

Lucy Shell, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Shell, was born Saturday, Sept. 9, 1865. She married Joseph Waldroop on Sunday, May 26, 1889. No children.

Benjimin Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born in Missouri on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1808. He married a woman by the name of Mary in the year 1836. Five children were born to them.

Mary T. Shell, their first child, was born in 1838, and married James Virgin on Sunday, June 21, 1866. Mr. Virgin enlisted in the Civil War in 1861, and served in Company K3 State Militia Cavalry during the War.

Troy Washington Shell, was born Friday, Feb. 25, 1842 and served in Company K3 State Militia as a Corporal.

Fannie Shell was born in the year 1846, and married Thront Williams. I could find nothing else about them.

Daniel Shell, was born in the year 1850, and when a young man he moved to Arkansas. He was called "Little Dan."

Sarah Shell, was born on Sunday, May 30, 1858. She married Marshall Eaker on Thursday, Sept. 3, 1874. Two children were born to this union.

Frank Eaker was born in Sept., 1876, and when a young man he went to visit his Uncle Daniel Shell who lived in Arkansas and died there.

Nancy Jane Eaker was born in 1875, and her father Marshall Eaker gave her to The Sisters of Charity in St. Louis, Mo. This was after her mother Sarah (Shell) Eaker died on Tuesday, July 2, 1878, at the age of 20 yrs., 1 month, 2 days.

Troy Washington Shell, son of Benjimin and Mary Shell, was born on Friday, Feb. 25, 1842. He married Caroline Nancy Masters on Thursday, June 14, 1866. She was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1842. They were married at her father's home by the Rev. W.H. Cook. They had ten children.

Emma Parlee Shell, was born on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1868.

John Wesley Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 15, 1869.

Enoch Leroy Shell, was born on Thursday, May 11, 1871.

Hiram Madison Shell, was born on Friday, March 28, 1873.

Mary Jane Shell, was born on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1875.

William Riley Shell, was born Monday, June 11, 1877, and died on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1882.

Andrew Jackson Shell, was born on Friday, Feb. 26, 1880.

Louisa Ann Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1882.

Oma Elizabeth Shell, was born Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1882.

Benjimin Franklin Shell, was born Sunday, Nov. 29, 1885.

Emma Parley Shell, daughter of Troy W. and Caroline Shell was born on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1868. She married Dr. James M. Hindman on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1889. Dr. Hindman practiced medicine for a number of years at Advance, Mo. They had no children. They were married by Rev. T. J. Gaither, minister of the Gospel. Emma died on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1936.

Enoch Leroy Shell, son of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born Thursday, May 11, 1871. He married Nancy E. Morris on Nov. 15, 1891. They were married by Rev. T. J. Gaither. Four children were born to them. Enoch died July 29, 1951.

Three sons died in infancy, and one girl living in 1951.

Enoch Shell was a blacksmith by trade and worked in a shop at Laflin, Mo., for a number of years.

Andrew Jackson Shell, son of Troy W. and Caroline Shell was born Friday, Feb. 26, 1880. He married Gertrude Cazadd on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1908. They had one child.

Beatris Lovina Shell, was born Wednesday, June 22, 1910.

John Wesley Shell, son of Troy W. and Nancy Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 15, 1869. He married Della M. Greenwood on Sunday, March 13, 1898. They were married by Rev. T. J. Gaither. Della was born in the year 1878, and was killed in the cyclone that destroyed Dongola, Mo., in 1917. John W. died March 3, 1934. He was a blacksmith by trade and operated a shop at Dongola for some time then moved to Advance, Mo., and operated a shop there for a number of years. They had four children.

Otis Amiel Shell, was born on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1899, and married Pearl Westbrooks on Sunday, April 1, 1934. Pearl was born August 27, 1904. They have no children.

Doyle Lester Shell, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1902, and married Dorothy Mae Black on March 12, 1925. Dorothy Mae was born Tuesday, March 30, 1909. They have two children.

Virginia Lee Shell, daughter of Doyle and Dorothy Shell, was born Monday, June 29, 1925. She married Earnest Gerald Bird, Nov. 2, 1942, and are the parents of two children, Gerald Michael who was born May 28, 1943, and Elizabeth K. who was born Oct. 17, 1947.

Judith Janette Shell, daughter of Doyle L. and Dorothy Mae Shell was born on Thursday, July 27, 1939.

Truman Lee Shell, son of John Wesley and Della M. Shell was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 1906. He married Viola Vogalsang on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1941. Viola was born Monday, April 6, 1914. They have no children of their own, however they adopted a baby boy and named him John Wesley Shell. He was born Aug. 15, 1948.

Emma Allene Shell, daughter of John Wesley and Della M. Shell, was born Tuesday, May 28, 1912. She married Henry Graham on Saturday, March 17, 1934. Henry was born Friday, April 27, 1910. They have two children.

Janet Lou Graham, was born May 15, 1937.

Bradley Lynn Graham, was born Monday, Nov. 20, 1950.

The Bible holds the distinction of being the first printed book, and the best selling book in the world. 8,000,000 Bibles are printed in the United States annually, and 35,000,000 throughout the world. The Bible, or parts of it, has been printed in over 918 languages and dialects. The nineteenth Chapter of Second Kings and the Thirty-seventh Chapter of Isiah are alike.

Hiram Madison Shell, son of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born on Friday, March 28, 1873. On Thursday, Feb. 21, 1895, he married Viola Girdley. They were married by Monroe Hindman, J.P. This union was blessed with 3 children.

Mable Countance Shell, was born in the year 1896.

Leman Alve Shell, was born in the year 1906.

Cletis Hiram Shell, was born in the year1911.

Viola (Girdley) Shell died in 1914, and Hiram Madison Shell married as his second wife, Beulah Howard. Five children were born to this union.

Willie Terral Shell, was born in 1917, and married Betty Jo Summers in 1947.

Violet Marie Shell, was born in 1919, and married Robert Dan Tetley in 1935.

B. H. Shell, was born in 1921, and married Elmer Harlan in the year 1946.

James Harold Shell, was born in 1931, and married Retha Mae Moore in 1950.

John Norman Shell, was born in 1936. Not married.

Louisa Ann Shell, daughter of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1879. She married Lou M. Hindman on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1897. They were married by the Rev. J. M. Stone. They were the parents of four children. Louisa Ann died June 25, 1904.

Ura Hindman, died when only a few months of age.

Earl Hindman, died at the age of 18 years.

Orville Hindman, drowned in the year 1837.

Glenn Hindman, died at the age of 10 months.

Mary Jane Shell, daughter of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born Saturday, Nov. 27, 1875. She married Clarence M. Hindman, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1891, by Rev. T.J. Gaither.

Oma Elizabeth Shell, daughter of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1882. She married Charley W. Bess on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1905. Rev. J.W. Coburn performing the ceremony. They had seven children.

Fern Forest Bess, was born on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1905.

Helen Georgeann Bess was born Saturday, Aug. 6, 1910.

Virgil Milton Bess, was born Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1912.

Gladys Katharine Bess, was born Sunday, July 12, 1914.

Wilbur Andrew Bess, was born Tuesday, March 21, 1916.

James Edward Bess, was born Thursday, June 12, 1919.

Clyde Wesley Bess, was born Thursday, Sept. 16, 1920.

Benjimin Franklin Shell, son of Troy W. and Caroline Shell, was born on Sunday, Nov. 29, 1885. He married Lillie Hindman on Thursday, Aug. 27, 1908. Rev. Henry A. George performing the marriage. They had four children.

Loren Aubrey Shell, was born on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1909. He married Ennis Owens, and they had one child, Bennie Lee, who was born on Monday, Aug. 20, 1934.

Thelma Bell Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 12, 1910, and married Arthur Paul James on Sunday Nov. 20, 1932. Two children were born to this union, Barbara Jo was born Saturday, Sept. 9, 1939, and Connie Beth, who was born Dec. 1, 1942.

Frieda Marie Shell, was born on Monday, May 30, 1921, and married Kermit Bradshaw in 1940. Kermit was killed in World War II. They had no children. Frieda then married Noah Gray on Thursday, Nov. 28, 1946, and they have two children. Renauta Lee, who was born March 20, 1948 and Beverly Lynn, who was born April 13, 1952.

Albert Leon Shell, was born on Friday Sept. 26, 1924. He married Katheryn Proffer in the year 1944. They have two children, Robert Wayne, who was born July 8, 1945, and Rodney Leon, who was born Nov. 2, 1952.

Jesse Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Thursday, July 30, 1818. He married Nancy Sheron on Sunday, Aug. 27, 1843. Rev. Richard Kinkink performing the ceremony. They settled on a tract of land on Castor River, and in 1857 they joined the Methodist Church in that community, the Church being at Peter Kinders Home at that time. They were members of this church until Nov. 8, 1870, when they were granted letters from the church on request. This was Jesse Shell and his wife Nancy, and their son Casper and his wife Sophrona.

Casper Shell, son of Jesse and Nancy Shell, was born in 1844. His wife Sophrona, was born in 1847. They were married in 1865.

Jesse Shell and his wife Nancy sold their farm, described as being in the NE¼ of the SE¼ in section 23, township 29, range 8, to William Gray on Sept. 23, 1870, in the presence of C.J. Eaker and Daniel Myers. This is all I could find about this family however I have been told that he moved to the west part of Missouri but I can find nothing to prove this to be true.

Henry Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1810. He moved to Stone County, Mo. and married Elizabeth Yocum in 1834, near Shell Knob. Then he moved to Jacket, McDonald County, Mo., in 1845, homesteaded some land and in 1851, he received his land patent No. 11337. In 1846 he built a home, it was a frame building 18x24 ft. and was built of pine lumber. The building is still in use, 1952. He later bought adjoining land in the Sugar Creek bottoms and when he was killed in 1863, he owned 1000 acres, all in one tract of land.

He also built a mill on Sugar Creek and operated a large distill equipped with three big copper cookers.

He bought all the lumber for his buildings from a man by the name of Van Winkle.

Henry Shell was considered by others as being a very industrious and prosperous man of a pioneer race of people. He was killed on July 11, 1863, by the Bush Whackers of the Civil War.

Henry Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1810. In 1834 he married Elizabeth Yocum of McDonald County, Missouri. She was born on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1819. They had twelve children.

Nerve Shell was born on Monday, June 6, 1836.

Nat Shell was born on ....1838.

Fred Shell was born on ....1841.

Henry Shell Jr. was born on .... 1844.

Phillip Shell was born on Thursday, Nov. 6, 1846.

Jacob Shell, was born on Sunday, April 2, 1849.

Mary Shell was born ....1852.

Anne Shell was born ....1854.

Lizzie Shell was born ....1856.

Cindy Shell was born 1858

Sarah Shell was born 1860

Jesse Shell was born ....1862.

Elizabeth Shell, wife of Henry Shell Sr. died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1900, age 81 years and 4 days.

Henry Shell Sr. died Saturday, July 11, 1863, age 53 yrs., 4 months, and 26 days.

Nerve Shell, daughter and first child of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born on June 6, 1836. She married a man by the name of Comstock, and they had one child, Nancy, who married John Stevens. Nerve Shell Comstock later married again to a man named Frye.

Nancy Comstock, daughter of Nerve Comstock, married John Stevens, and to this union eight children were born: Anne, Henry, Hilda, Beulah, Albert, Elisha, John, and Orville Stevens.

Nat Shell, son of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in the year 1838. He married Nancy Rose, and to this union two children were born: Henry Shell and Elizabeth Shell.

Fred Shell, son of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in the year 1841. He married Polly Johnson, and they were the parents of three children: Sophia, Belle and Thomas.

Henry Shell Jr., son of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in 1844, and he married Polly Scott. They were the parents of five children: Hannah, Linnie, Mell, Frant, and James Shell. Hannah Shell married James Clayton; Linnie Shell married Thomas Moore; Mell Shell married Joe Moore; and Frant Shell married Chas. Forgey.

Phillip Shell, son of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Thursday, Nov. 26, 1846. He married Jane Bear in 1867. She was born on Monday, May 10, 1847, and died on Thursday, July 4, 1912. Phillip died on Monday, March 7, 1927. They had sixteen children, six of which died in infancy.

Fayette Shell, was born on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1868.

Henry C. Shell, was born in the year 1872.

Andrew Shell, was born on Thursday, April 14, 1870.

John Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 31, 1875.

Jacob Shell, was born on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1877.

Joseph Shell, was born on Saturday, March 10, 1888.

Lillie Belle Shell, was born on Sunday, Aug. 15, 1880.

Fayette Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1868. He married Mary Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21, 1890. Fayette died Sept. 4, 1948. They were the parents of fourteen children.

Oma Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Jeff Vickery, and later she married Dempsey Cowan. No children.

Mattie Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Henry Ogan. They had four children, Wyman, Ivan, Marjorie Ogan.

Lura Belle Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Horace Stipps, and they had one child, Josie Ardel Stipps who died at the age of 18 months.

Emory Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell married Elsie Griggs. One child, Charles Shell.

Willie Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Vetia Soaps; one son James Elmer, died at 17 months.

Phillip Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Chloetta Woodard, and they had one child, Harold Dean.

Rubert Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Olive Gardner. They are the parents of five children. Lawrence Lee, Gerald J., Melvin C., James and Betty Ellen Shell.

Lester Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Orpha Philpot. They had the following children: Willie, Dalene and Patricia Shell.

Ferne Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Orlia Smith, and they had two duaghters, Orlene and Cleta Jane.

Dale Shell, son of Fayette and Mary Shell, died at the age of 22 years.

Theo Ellen Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell married Delbert Robbins, they have one child, Gayle Francis.

Maude Shell, daughter of Fayette and Mary Shell, married Preston Hutcheson, and they have the following children: Donald Ray, Mayrelle, Preston Wayne and Mary Jo.

Henry C. Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born in the year 1872. He married Anna Burnette in 1894. They were the parents of eight children.

Amos Shell, son of Henry and Anna Shell, was born on Saturday, June 15, 1895.

Lillie Belle Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1896.

Adolphis Shell, was born in the year 1897, died in infancy.

Raymond Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 18, 1900.

Homer Shell, was born on Sunday, Nov. 22, 1903.

Wallace Shell, was born on June 14, 1906.

Hazel Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 25, 1911.

Olen Shell, was born on.... ....1912.

Amos Shell, son of Henry C. and Anna Shell, was born on Saturday, June 5, 1895. He married Esther Laughlin on Feb. 2, 1916. She was born Dec. 5, 1897. They have four children:

Clinton R. Shell, son of Amos and Esther Shell, was born May 19, 1917. He married Betty Jo Weston, and they have the following children: Clinton Russel Jr. born March 18, 1938, Sinda Sue, born July 26, 1941, and Ricky C. Shell, born August 30, 1949.

Carl Shell, son of Amos and Esther Shell, was born Oct. 12, 1923. He married Christine Armstrong on Friday, Aug. 30, 1946. They have the following children: Coeta Jo, born June 2, 1949, and Sandra Shell born Aug. 28, 1950.

Billie Wayne Shell, son of Amos and Esther Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1930. He married Dolly Fay Thomas on Sunday, May 7, 1950. She was born Sept. 13,1930.

Amy Lou, daughter of Amos and Esther Shell, was born on Thursday, Jan. 9, 1941.

Lillie Belle Shell, daughter of Henry C. and Anna Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1897. She married Clyde McDonald on Wednesday, March 26, 1919. Clyde was born on Nov. 14, 1899. They were the parents of three children. Kenneth, Maxine and Max.

Raymond Shell, son of Henry C. and Anna Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 18, 1900. He married Jewell Hubbard on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1925. She was born July 1, 1905. They had two children: Bonnie Ray Shell, born May 15, 1929 and Alton Kenneth Shell born June 2, 1933.

Wallace Shell, son of Henry and Anna Shell, was born on Thursday, June 14, 1906.

Earlene Messick Shell, sixth child of Henry and Anna Shell, was born on Sunday, Feb. 21, 1915.

Homer Shell, fourth child of Henry C. and Anna Shell, was born on Sunday, Nov. 22, 1903. He married Bessie White on Thursday, June 28, 1923. Bessie was born April 10, 1901. They beget two children.

Lavona Pauline Shell, was born on Wednesday, April 2, 1924. She married Richard Shaw on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1940, and they had two children: Donald Leon Shell, born Feb., 1942, and Richard Larry Shell born on Dec. 8, 1945.

Herbert Ray Shell, son of Homer and Bessie Shell, was born on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1928. He married Ola Mae Hillard in Feb. 1946; they begat four children as follows: Gerald Lee Shell, born Jan. 6, 1947, Sherrill Lenette Shell, born Aug. 2, 1949, Lavona Ruth Shell, born May 21, 1951 and Sandra Lynn Shell, born Sept. 3, 1952.

Hazel Shell, daughter of Henry C. and Anna Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 25, 1911. She married Floyd Parker on Friday, Sept. 13, 1940. They beget one child, Carolyn Ann Parker, born on Sunday, Jan. 23, 1944.

Jacob Shell, son of Henry Shell, pioneer, and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Sunday, April 2, (Easter Sunday) 1849. He married Marty Carolina Morgan on Sunday, Dec. 1,1872. She was born on Monday, April 26, 1852, and died March 18, 1916. Jacob died on Sunday, Aug. 5, 1906. Eight children were born to this union.

Maude Morgan Shell, was born on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1873.

Oscar William Shell, was born Tuesday, March 30, 1875.

Minnie Carolina Shell, was born Sunday, June 17, 1877.

Daniel Henry Shell, was born Monday, June 7, 1880.

Samuel Joshua Shell, was born Thursday, March 29, 1882.

Margaret Elizabeth Shell, was born Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1884 and died on Monday, Aug. 25, 1884.

Josephus Shell, was born Friday, Oct. 18, 1889.

Mary Francis Shell, was born Monday, May 18, 1891.

Maude Morgan Shell married Lacy D. Armstrong on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1891. They beget six chidren.

Alvin Armstrong, was born Friday, Aug. 12, 1892.

Amy Armstrong, was born Tuesday, July 7, 1896.

Alta Armstrong, was born Saturday, Sept. 1, 1900.

Ray Armstrong, was born Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1906.

Cleve Armstrong, was born Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1909.

Maxine Armstrong, was born Friday, March 10, 1916.

Oscar W. Shell, son of Jacob and Marty Shell, was born on Tuesday, March 30, 1875. He married Rebecca A. Hall in 1897. She was born on Monday, Feb. 12, 1877. They beget ten children.

Merle J. Shell, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1898.

Earl M. Shell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1901.

Fred E. Shell, was born Monday, Sept. 15, 1902.

Ned C. Shell, was born Thursday, Aug. 4, 1904.

Herman J. Shell, was born Monday, April 23, 1906.

Vina V. Shell, was born Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1908.

Leonard L. Shell, was born Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1911.

Clyde B. Shell, was born Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1914.

Virgia A. Shell, was born Tuesday, June 12, 1917.

Glenn A. Shell, was born Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1919.

Grandchildren of Oscar W. and Rebecca Shell are listed as follows: Imogene Shell, Ina Ilaine Shell, Rex D. Shell, Jerry E. Shell, Carl B. Shell, Mary Helen Shell, Willie Marvin Shell, Lana Beth Shell, Geraldine Shell, Anna J. Shell, Sharon and Karon Shell (Twins), Terry Mae Shell, Patton Shell, Dorothy Colleen Shell, Willie J. Shell, Jerry Carl Shell, Rebecca A. Shell, Alice Rose Shell, Anngean Shell, Wilma Jean Shell, Ronnie E. Shell, Billie Jo Shell, Dianne Shell and Janice Shell.

Minnie Caroline Shell, daughter of Jacob and Martha Shell, was born on Sunday, June 11, 1877. She married Golden Burnett in the year 1896.

H. Daniel Shell, son of Jacob and Martha Shell, was born on Monday, June 7, 1880, at Mountain, McDonald County, Mo. He married Minnie Bell Patterson on Sunday, Nov. 5, 1899. She was born Aug. 2, 1884. They had three children.

Aubrey Faye Shell, daughter of H. Daniel and Minnie Shell, was born June 18, 1901. She married Dewey Scantlin on Saturday, June 7, 1919. They had three children.

Ollie May Shell, daughter of H. Daniel and Minnie Shell, was born on Sunday, March, 19, 1905, at Pea Ridge, Ark. She married James Lee Abercombie on Friday, April 27, 1923. They beget three children.

Carroll Dean Shell, son of H. Daniel and Minnie Shell, was born on Saturday, July 16, 1921. He married Lorene Leslie Craft on Saturday, Oct. 24, 1936.

Samuel Joshua Shell, son of Jacob and Seanie Shell, was born on March 29, 1882. He married Seanie Ellen Hall on Sunday, Aug. 10, 1902. Seanie Ellen was born on Thursday, Feb. 1, 1883, and died on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1925. Eight children were born to this union.

Nola Norvelle Shell, was born Sunday, June 7, 1903.
Martha Irene Shell, was born Thursday, July 27, 1905.
Waldo Ernest Shell, was born Saturday, July 17, 1909.
Orville Chester Shell, was born Tuesday, May 11, 1915.
Rollo Vaughn Shell, was born Friday, March 26, 1920.
Samuel Joshua Shell Jr. was born Friday, April 7, 1922.
Juanita Ellen Shell, was born on Tuesday Jan. 27, 1925.
Bonita Hellen Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1925.
Juanita Ellen and Bonita Hellen are twins.

Nola Norvella Shell, daughter of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Ellen Shell, was born on Sunday, June 7, 1903. She married Charles F. Hall on Thursday, June 27, 1919. He was born on Friday, July 24, 1891. They were the parents of nine children.

Audrey Don Hall, was born Saturday, Jan. 24, 1920.

Arlie Andrew Hall, was born Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1923.

Kenneth Ned Hall, was born Monday, May 18, 1925.

Verl Loy Hall, was born Thursday, May, 19, 1927.

Charles Dean Hall, was born Friday, May 30, 1930.

Laveta Hall, was born Saturday, June 24, 1933.

Lena Mae Hall, was born Friday, Dec. 27, 1935.

Donnie Leonard Hall, was born Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1940.

Leroy Galin Hall, was born Thursday, May 4, 1944.

Martha Irene Shell, daughter of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Ellen Shell, was born Thursday, July 27, 1905.

Waldo Ernest Shell, son of Samuel and Seanie Ellen Shell, was born on Saturday, July 17, 1909. He married Nerine Pendergraft on July 20, 1939. They had one child.

Donna Nerine Shell, was born on Monday, April 29, 1940.

Orville Chester Shell, son of Samuel and Seanie Shell, was born on Tuesday, May 11, 1915. He married Martha Margaret Wilkerson on July 20, 1946. They had two sons, Orville Carroll Shell, born on Monday, Nov. 24, 1947, and Thomas Eugene Shell, who was born on Monday, January 24, 1951.

Rollo Vaughn Shell, son of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Shell, was born on Friday, March 26, 1920. He married Lola Mae Yousey on Saturday, July 23, 1938. Lola Mae was born on July 28, 1922. They were the parents of two children.

Sharon Lavon Shell, was born Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1940.

Larry Dale Shell, was born Friday, June 7, 1946.

Samuel Joshua Shell Jr., son of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Shell, was born on Friday, April 7, 1922.

Juanita Ellen Shell, daughter of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Shell, was born Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1925. She married Price Coffey in 1941. He was born on Friday, Sept. 29, 1916. They were the parents of two sons: Frederick Samuel Coffee, was born on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1942, and Clifton Darrell Coffey was born on Friday, March 29, 1946.

Bonita Hellen Shell, daughter of Samuel Joshua and Seanie Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1925. She married Clyde Amos Weston on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1943. To this union two sons were born: Jimmy Ray Weston, was born on Monday, Dec. 16, 1946, and Johnny Lee Weston, who was born on Tuesday, March 29, 1949.

Josephus Shell, son of Jacob and Martha Shell, was born on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1889. He married Della May Patterson on April 13, 1908. They had seven children:

Roxie Carl Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1911, and died on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1943.

Goldie Edith Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Friday, July 5, 1912.

Wanetta Fern Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Sunday, March 7, 1915.

Martha Carolina Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Thursday, April, 26, 1917.

Vivian Aubrey Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Wednesday, May, 28, 1919.

Joe Patterson Shell, son of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Feb. 21, 1921.

Betty Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della M. Shell, was born on——— —— —— —— —.

Goldie Edith Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Friday, July 5, 1912. She married Albert C. Brumley on Sunday, Aug. 30, 1931. They are the parents of six children:

Billy Joe Brumley, was born Monday, July 11, 1932.
Albert C. Brumley Jr. was born Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1933.
Thomas Rexton Brumley, was born Wed., Dec. 11, 1935.
Robert Bartlett Brumley, was born Tues., Dec. 7, 1937.
Jachson Stamps Brumley was born Sunday, June 25, 1939.
May Belle Brumley, was born Monday, July 14, 1941.

Wanetta Fern Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Sunday, March 7, 1915. She married Carroll E. Brust on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1933. Four children were born to them:

Carroll Eugene Brust, was born Friday, Sept. 28, 1934.
Marcella Joy Brust, was born Saturday, Sept. 28, 1940.
Janet Fern Brust, was born Saturday, Oct. 28, 1844.
Wesley Lynn Brust, was born Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1948.

Martha Carolina Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born Thursday, April 26, 1917. She married Price Naramore on Monday, Jan. 4, 1937. They were the parents of two sons: Jacob Price Naramore, was born Wednesday, March 30, 1938, and died Nov. 26, 1938; and Virgil Max Naramore who was born on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1939.

Vivian Aubrey Shell, daughter of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Wednesday, May 28, 1919, and on Oct. 30, 1937 she married Leroy Bowers. Two children were born to this union: Richard Leroy Bowers, born on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1938, and Shelby Varie Bowers, who was born on on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1950.

Joe Patterson Shell, son of Josephus and Della Shell, was born on Feb. 21, 1921. He married Marian Pate in April, 1942; they had one child: Lonnie Joe Shell, born on April 8, 1943.

Kathleen Patterson, daughter of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Sunday, April 23, 1922. She married Paul Smith on Saturday, Aug. 27, 1938. They beget four children: Buddy, born on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1940; Bernice, born on Friday, June 26, 1942; Bennie, born on Saturday, March 4, 1950; and Billy Gene, born on Thursday, Aug. 30, 1951.

Joe Eugene Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Saturday, March 31, 1923. He married Francis Lucille Varner on Sept. 15, 1943. They have two children: Terry Glenn, born on Friday, March 7, 1947; and Cheryl Ann, born on Sunday, May 30, 1948.

Max Wendell Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Monday, Jan. 24, 1927.

Billy Phillip Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Sunday, March 27, 1932.

Dorothy Patterson, daughter of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Tuesday, May 27, 1930.

Mary Francis Shell, daughter of Jacob and Martha Shell, was born on Monday, May 18, 1891. She married Phillip H. Patterson on Friday, July 31, 1908. Nine children were born to this union:

Jacob Lowe Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1911, and married Anna Bell Kines. No children listed.

K. Otto Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1912. He married Juanita M. Yousey on Sunday, March 19, 1939. They had the following children: Jackie born on April 24, 1940; Gerald Lee, born on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1941; Karen Kay, born on Feb. 9, 1943; Norma Darlene, born on May 4, 1947; and Stanley Ray, born on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1951.

Garlin Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Sunday, April 29, 1918. He married Mildred Ellen Sprout on Feb. 4, 1942. They were the parents of two children: Dianne Vea born on Thursday, Sept. 19, 1946; and Denice Rae, born on Friday, April 8, 1949.

Isom Shelton Patterson, son of Mary Francis and Phillip Patterson, was born on Thursday, Oct. 16, 1919. He married Edith Faye Vaughn in June, 1939. Two children: Shirely Ann, born on Monday, April 27, 1942; and Judith Lynn, born on Monday, Feb. 14, 1949.

Mary Shell, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in the year 1852. She married John Pendergraft. No other information on family.

Ann Shell, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in 1854. She married George Miller. No other information.

Lizzie Shell, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in the year 1856. She married Lum Etheridge. They had the following children: Levi, Manuel, Arthur, Jesse, and Purley.

Sindie Shell, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in 1858. She married Mose Pendergraft, and they were the parents of the following children: Joshua, Sarah, Ann, Ella, Wess, Stell, Fred, and Nina. No dates on this family.

Sarah Shell, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born in the year 1860. She married Jerry Burnett, and they were the parents of the following children: John Elmer, Joseph Henry, Ruben, Nancy Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Anna Mae, and Leon Burnett. No dates on this family.

Jessie Shell, son of Henry and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Saturday, March 8, 1862. On Feb. 22, 1881, he was united in marriage with Nancy E. Pendergraft. They were the parents of nine children:

Thomas H. Shell, son of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 25, 1885. He died on Monday, Nov. 14, 1887.

Virgil P. Shell, son of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Monday, Jan. 23, 1888. He married Alice Miser on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1911. They had six children: Leland M., born on Aug. 10, 1912; Virginia E., born on Sept. 28, 1914; Juanita W., born July 24, 1918; Jesse G., born Jan. 4, 1923; Laura J., born May 24, 1926; and Dixie E., born Fri., Sept. 4, 1931.

Bethel G. Shell, son of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Monday, Dec. 28, 1891.

Wesley H. Shell, son of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Monday, Aug. 6, 1894, and died June 7, 1947.

Ellie E. Shell, daughter of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 12, 1898.

Esther V. Shell, daughter of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 7, 1903, and died Aug. 23, 1909.

Marion M. Shell, son of Jessie and Nancy Shell, was born Jan. 2, 1902. He married May Simmons on Dec. 3, 1933. One child, Geneva.

Andrew Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Thursday, April 14, 1870. He and Elizabeth Lucretia Hall were united in marriage on Sunday, Jan. 10, 1892. She was born on Friday, Sept. 17, 1875. They had eleven children:

John Henry Shell, was born Saturday, Oct. 1, 1892.

Elsie Mae Shell, was born Monday, Oct. 29, 1894.

Oleva Shell, was born Saturday, Jan. 6, 1897.

Tommy Phillip Shell, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1899.

Claude Lee Shell, was born Wednesday, July 31, 1901.

Clyde Ray Shell, was a twin brother of Claude Lee, and died on Sunday, May 27, 1917.

Twins that died at birth, were born on April 12, 1904.

Loy Lee Shell, was born Thursday, April 17, 1905.

Margie Marie Shell, was born Thursday, Dec. 6, 1907.

Irene Shell, was born on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1915, and died on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1917.

Johnny Henry Shell, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Saturday, Oct. 1, 1892, at Washburn, Mo. He married Beulah Owens. She was born on Sunday, Oct. 22, 1893. They had five children: Minnie Viola Shell, born Aug. 7, 1914; Lizzie Velma Shell, born on Saturday, April 1, 1916; Johnny Payton Shell, born on Friday, May 3, 1918; Beulah Vera Shell, born on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1925; and Marian Veda Shell, born on Monday, June 27, 1932.

Elsie Mae Shell, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Monday, Oct. 29, 1894, at Washburn, Mo. She married Ray Brunton on July 4, 1912. Two children: Opal Mae Shell, born on Friday, Aug. 14, 1914; and Raymond Shell, born on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1918.

Oleve Shell, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Shell, was born on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1897, at Washburn, Mo. She married Dewey Hubbard on March 22, 1919, and they had two children: Lorene Hubbard, was born on Sunday, June 6, 1920; and Dolene Hubbard who was born on Sunday, March 31, 1923.

Tommy Phillip Shell, son of Andrew and Lizzie Shell, was born at Washburn, Mo., on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1899. He married Lillian Agnes McKee. She was born on Saturday, Feb. 1, 1902. They were married on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1923; and three children were born to them: Billy Jake Shell was born on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1924; and Robert Dale Shell, born on Tuesday, July 6, 1926, and died on date of birth.

Claude Lee Shell, son of Andrew and Lizzie Shell, was born at Washburn, Mo., on Wednesday, July 31, 1901. He married Lena Pearl Jacobs. She was born Oct. 8, 1904. They were the parents of four children: Melvin, Donald Wayne, Bobby Ray, and Claudia Coline Shell. Melvin Shell was born on Oct. 5, 1922, and married Helen McCowin. They had two children: Gary Lee, born on Friday, Jan. 19, 1945, and Janice Marie, born on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1948.

Clyde Ray Shell, a twin brother of Claude Lee, was born on Wednesday, July 31, 1901, and died Sun., May 27, 1917.

Another set of twins were born to Andrew and Lizzie Shell on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, and died on date of birth.

Loy Leo Shell, son of Andrew and Lizzie Shell, was born on Wednesday, April 12, 1905.

Margie Marie Shell, daughter of Andrew and Lizzie Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 6, 1907, and she married Kenneth Hammon on Sunday, Feb. 14, 1926.

Irene Shell, daughter of Andrew and Lizzie Shell, was born on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1915, and died Wed. Feb. 21, 1917

John Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 31, 1875. He married Sadie Evans in 1905. They were the parents of eight children:

Nicholas Roscoe Shell, son of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1906. He married Helen McKeene on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1939. They Beget three children: Sarah Sue, born April 12, 1943, John Leland, born Sept. 20, 1946, and Anita Jane Shell, who was born Sept. 11, 1947.

Ralph Shell, son of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, Oct. 9, 1908. He married Mary Miller in 1936. They beget two children: Robert Ralph Shell, born Aug. 10, 1937, and Bardara Jane Shell, who was born on Sun., Aug. 8, 1943.

Gladys Shell, daughter of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, Feb. 1, 1910. She married Harold Doke in 1930, and they had one son, Harold Eugene, who was born Aug. 23, 1935.

Leon Shell, son of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, June 5, 1914, and was killed in a car accident on Monday, Sept. 12, 1938.

Burl Shell, son of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Dec. 8, 1911. He married Cleva Dean in 1937, and they had four children: Betty Lou Shell, born on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1939, Sarah Ann Shell, born on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1940, Curtis Lee Shell, born on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1944, and Mary Katherin Shell, who was born on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1949.

Pauline Shell, daughter of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 29, 1916. She married H.R. Ruddick on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1937. They had four children: Glenda Gail, born on July 20, 1941; Gary Russell, born March 21, 1944; John Max, born Tuesday, July 11, 1946; and Kent Lee who was born on Tuesday, July 13, 1948.

Ruth Shell, daughter of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Sunday, April 6, 1919. She married Herbert Ross on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1939. They had three children: Lonny Herbert, Norma Jene, and Richard Joe Ross.

Lula Mae Shell, daughter of John and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, Jan. 20, 1922, and died Tues., Sept. 13,1938.

Jacob Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1877. He married Bessie South on May 11, 1905. She was born on Thursday, Sept. 4, 1884. They had four children: Jewell Vanetta Shell, daughter of Jacob and Bessie Shell, was born on Wednesday, May 6, 1906, and married Orffie Robbins on Feb. 10, 1951. He was born March 27, 1911.

Pearl Luella Shell, daughter of Jacob and Bessie Shell, was born on Monday, Sept. 9, 1907, and died on Thursday, Oct. 21, 1909.

Hugh Franklin Shell, son of Jacob and Bessie Shell, was born Thursday, Dec. 9, 1909. He married LaFaughn McCool on Tuesday, June 21, 1932. She was born on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909. They had four children: Zelda Rae, born on Sunday, April 9, 1933, married Troy Henson on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1951; Velda Fae, born Thursday, May 2, 1935, married Charles Farmer on Saturday, July 19, 1952; Donnie Lavern, born in Sept., 1937, and Dennis Charles Shell, born on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1939.

Clifford Kenneth Shell, son of Jacob and Bessie Shell, was born on Friday, July 16, 1915. He married Lena Nichols in March, 1944. She was born July 16, 1925. They beget five children: William Jacob, born on Sunday, July 16, 1945; Grant Lee, born Thursday, Nov. 27, 1947; Clayton Dale, born on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1848; Shirley Diane, born on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1951; and Carol Jean Shell, who was born on Saturday, July 5, 1952.

Joe Shell, son of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Saturday, March 10, 1888. He married Sarah McCool on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1907. They had two children:

Gretcheon Shell, daughter of Joe and Sarah Shell, was born on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1909, and she married Oscar Hendrickson on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1926. They had one child: Ruby Jean, born March 1, 1927.

Clive Shell, son of Joe and Sarah Shell, was born on——————————. He married Marie Leonard on Fri., March 3, 1939. Four children were born to this union:

Pearline Shell, was born Friday, March 15, 1940.

Ruthie Shell, was born Sunday, Jan. 29, 1943.

Illa May Shell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1945.

Linous Shell, was born Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1948.

Lillie Belle Shell, daughter of Phillip and Jane Shell, was born on Sunday, Aug. 15, 1880. She married John Cherry on Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900. They had two sons:

Elige Cherry, was born on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1901, and married Mable Hopkins and they have three children: Winnie Lou, James, and Barbara Jean Cherry.

Hugh Cherry, was born on Friday, June 12, 1903. He married Eva Bell Bradley, and they have one child, Lillian Gertrude Cherry.

OLD CHURCH RECORD

In the year of 1855, there came to Bollinger County, a preacher of the Gospel, by the name of William H. Mabley, who organized a Methodist Church at the Peter Kinder home place, which was called the Kinder Class, with sixteen Charter members as follows: Peter Kinder, Barbara Kinder, Thomas Eaker, Saby Eaker, Elizabeth Eaker, Mary Perkins, Margaret Perkins, Elisha Mouser, Susan Mouser, Benjimin Shell, Mary Shell, Nancy Shell (Ben's Sister), John Perkins, Elizabeth Clubb, Rachael Kinder and Barbara Myers. It seems that Peter Kinder and Benjimin Shell were the most prominent members, as they were named the stewards and class leaders, in the church work.

Preaching and Church Work was carried on at this place, and in 1857 they had 59 members enrolled; in the year 1860, they organized a school district No. 2, in township 29, range 9, and built a log school house East of Perkins Creek near a living spring, and then on Jan. 1, 1861, they moved the preaching and church work to the school house and changed the name to Perkins Creek Class. In 1885, the school district built a new school house farther east, at the present site on the Lutesville and Zalma road.

About 1875 the Church built a new log church house where the Eaker Cemetary is at present, and the name was changed to Eaker Chapel, services were carried on here un-

til 1898, when a new building was built near Hahn and was called Palmore Chapel and the same Methodist Church was carried on here for some forty years. However many of the members had died and others had moved away, until the membership had dropped to three or four, forcing the Church to discontinue its work. In the year 1951 the Church Property was sold to the General Baptist for their church services.

Now back to the original Kinder Class in 1855, when Benjimin Shell and Mary Shell and Ben's Sister Nancy were named as Charter Members. Casper Shell and Mary Virden (Ben Shell's daughter) joined this church in 1856; in 1857, Jessie Shell and Sofrona Shell joined with this church, and Frederick Shell joined in 1858. On Nov. 18, Casper Shell, Sofrona Shell, and Jesse Shell and Nancy Shell were removed to another church by letter. In the year 1871, David Shell, Alfred Shell and Susan Shell's names appear on the church book, and in 1876 David Shell moved his membership to Trace Creek Church, by letter.

When I was a small boy I attended church at the Log House by the Spring. Back in those days they would preach, pray, sing and shout just as we do today, however when you wished to join the church you were placed on six months probation, if you proved to be allright they took you into the church, if you were not allright, your name was dropped and no more was said. Another rule I well remember

was that each Friday before the quarterly meeting, was observed as a day of fasting and prayer. One day of prayer and going without anything to eat is not long. One Greek Historian said that Adam and Eve would stand up and pray for seven days and seven nights without ceasing, because they had sinned and lost their Holy State. Don't sin, it doesn't pay.

Back then people went long distances to church, many of them walked as much as three and four miles to church and then back home. The Preacher would stand up in the pulpit and read a Chapter or part of a chapter of the Bible, then they would all stand and sing a Hymn (the Hymns had no notes in those days, but were marked with S.M, L.M, meaning short metor, Fast, C.M. Common Long or slow).

The preacher would line and they would sing, that is he would read two lines and call for some brother or sister to pitch the tune and carry, some one would start the Hymn and they would sing the two lines and stop until the preacher read two more lines and then they would sing again. This was continued until the Hymn was completed. The preacher always read in a long monotone voice, trying to make the Hymn as impressive as possible. Many a stalwart soldier of the Cross was born under the services.

Written by D. L. Shell.

Phillip Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born in Bollinger County, Mo., in the year 1816. He married Catharine Baker on Thursday, Sept. 9, 1841. They had 7 children.

Antney Shell, was born on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1845. He died on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1930.

Riley Shell, was born on Thursday, March 16, 1847. He died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 1936.

Sarah Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 30, 1850. She died Friday, Feb. 24, 1871. Age 20 years, 5 months and 24 days. She married Henry Baker.

Phillip B. Shell Jr., son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on Wednesday June 11, 1851, and died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 1892.

Wesley Shell, was born on Sunday, March 6, 1853. Still living at this time, Feb. 20, 1953.

Catherine Shell, daughter of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born in 1855.

Henry B. Shell, son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born in the year 1857.

Antney Shell, son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1845. On Nov. 5, 1862, he joined the State Militia and served his country for the remainder of the Civil War. On Wednesday, July 12, 1865, he married Mary Martindale. She was born on Sept. 12, 1845, and died on Wednesday, July 12, 1867, age 22 years. One child, William Shell, was born on Sunday, Aug. 12, 1866. Antney Shell died on Monday, Oct. 6, 1930, age 83 years, 11 months.

Antney Shell's second marriage was with Maranda Ruth Winchester on Thursday, March 5, 1868. They had two children. Betty Shell, was born May 5, 1869, and Martha Shell, who was born in 1872, and died young. Betty married John Reynolds, on July 4, 1888.

After the death of his second wife, Antney Shell married Ruah Adeline Crites on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1876, by Jonson M. Shell, J.P. Nine children were born to them:

Andrew Shell was born on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1877.
Perry E. Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1879.
Julia Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1880.
Minnie Shell, was born on Monday, June 19, 1882.
Kattie Shell, was born on Tuesday, March 11, 1884.
Maggie Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1886.
Sadie Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 1888.
Charley Shell, was born on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1891.
Marion Shell, was born on Monday, May 11, 1896.

William Shell, son of Antney and Mary Shell, was born on Sunday, Aug. 12, 1866. He married Mimey Emaline Abernathy on Thursday, Sept. 16, 1886. She was born on Friday, April 26, 1867, and died on Monday, Nov. 13, 1905. They were the parents of six children:

Arthur L. Shell, was born on Saturday, June 23, 1888.

Elmer H. Shell, was born on Saturday, May 24, 1890.

Alta E. Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 19, 1898.

William A. Shell, was born on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1901.

Jettie May Shell, was born May 11, 1894, and died June 28, 1895. Rutha Elmine Shell was born April 19, 1896, and died April 17, 1897.

William Shell's second marriage was with Lorena E. (Myers) Mouser, widow of Emanuel Mouser, and daughter of Caleb and Christy Myers, on Saturday, Dec. 6, 1906. Rev. D.E. Barrett of Huxie, Mo., Methodist Church, performing the marriage. Three children were born to this union:

Harvey Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 17, 1907.

Mary Christena Shell, was born on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1909.

Ina Ellen Shell, was born on Monday, June 2, 1913.

William Shell was converted and joined the New Sylvin General Baptist Church, in Bollinger County, in the year 1914, and lived a devoted life until he died June 18, 1945.

Arthur L. Shell, son of William and Mimey Shell, was born on Saturday, June 23, 1888. He married Willie Francis on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1910, by Rev. S.G. Virgin. Seven children were born to this union.

Virgil Shell, was born Sun., Dec. 18, 1910. Died young.

Lester Shell, was born Fri., April 26, 1912. Died young.

Eleanora Shell, was born on Thursday, Sept. 24, 1914.

Truman B. Shell, was born on Thursday, Jan. 13, 1916. He married Ruby Isom in 1937, and they had one daughter, Ruth Ann, born in 1940.

Leamon Shell, was born on Tues. July 9, 1918; died young

Alva L. Shell, was born on Friday, Jan. 7, 1921. He married Wilma Long on Saturday, April 24, 1948, they have one son, Aldon Lester Shell, born on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 1952.

Gladys Evelyn Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 22, 1925, and married Orville Ellege on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1946. No children.

Arthur L. Shell was a minister of the gospel, and spent most of his life in the ministry, being of the General Baptist Denomination. Arthur did, at one time or another, conduct old fashion revivals and pastored many of the churches in Bollinger and surrounding Counties. He died on Sunday, March 20, 1932.

Elmer H. Shell, son of William and Mimey Emaline Shell, was born on Saturday, May 24, 1890. He married Mary Josephine Condor on Friday, Dec. 25, 1908. They had 2 children.

Clinton Casper Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1909. He married Eva Crowley. They have four children, Patricia, Clifford, Phyllis, and Sue.

Vesta Shell, was born on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1918. She married Willard Van Bibber.

Alta E. Shell, daughter of William and Mimey Emaline Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 19, 1898. She married Johnson Wiseman. They had two children, Lola and Cecil C. Wiseman. Alta E. later married C. B. Brown after the death of her first husband.

William A. Shell, son of William and Mimey Emaline Shell, was born on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1901. He married Sevia Boling, they have four children, Beauton, Faustina, Eugene and Imogene.

Harvey Shell, son of William and Lorena E. Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 17, 1907. On Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1931, he married Dottie Wright. Two sons were born to this union.

Harvey Dean Shell, was born Tuesday, April 4, 1933, and William Cleveland Shell, born on Wednesday, March 24, 1937.

Mary Shell, daughter of William and Lorena Ellen Shell, was born on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1909. She married Paul Sitton, four children were born to them. Marian Lee, Charles, Joyce and Ellen Jo.

Ina Ellen, daughter of William and Lorena E. Shell, was born on Monday, June 2, 1913. Single.

Betty Shell, daughter of Antney and Maranda Ruth Shell, was born May 5, 1868. On July 4, 1888, she married John Reynolds and they moved to Illinois.

Andrew Shell, son of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1877. He evidently died when young for we can find no records of him.

Perry Shell, son of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1879. He married Bertie Abernathy on Thursday, April 28, 1898. They had eleven children.

Vernie E. Shell, was born on Tuesday, May 23, 1899, and married Early Mouser.

Earnie Elbert Shell, was born on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1901, and died on Saturday, May 25, 1901.

Maude Eva Shell, was born on Friday, July 24, 1903, and married Roy Pleasant.

Ray Adam Shell, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1905. He married Joy Shell, two children, Evelyn and Imogene.

Ezra Elvin Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 2, 1907, and died on Saturday, Aug. 28, 1915.

Grace Marie Shell, was born on Thursday, Aug. 5, 1909, and married D.E. Wilkerson.

Floyd A. Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 9, 1912. He married Ilene Storz.

June Adell Shell, was born on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1915, and married Russel Davis.

Irma May Shell, was born on Wednesday, June 13, 1917, and married Delzie White.

Edith Elnora Shell, was born June 30, 1920, and married Arthur Languries.

Julia Shell, daughter of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1880. She married Robert M. James on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1897. Eleven children were born to this union. Clarence R., William A., Homer L., Clellie E., Ernie W., Bea A., Ine E., Marie, Virgil V., Estel E., and Dessie F. James.

Minnie Shell, daughter of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Monday, June 19, 1882. She married Matthew Abernathy on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1902.

Kattie Shell, daughter of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born Tuesday, March 11, 1884, and married Adam Wiseman on Aug. 2, 1902.

Maggie Shell, daughter of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1886. She married Ralph Wiseman on Feb. 9, 1902.

Sadie Shell, daughter of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 1888. She married Edward Hendrix on Saturday, March 14, 1914.

Charley Shell, son of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1891. He married Anna Cavaner on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1913, by Rev. R. L. Barks.

Marion Shell, a son of Antney and Ruah Shell, was born on Monday, May 11, 1896. He married Mary Eaker on Saturday, Sept. 5, 1914; they had three children: Lola, Tommy, and Delbert Shell.

Riley Shell, son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on Thursday, March 16, 1847. He married Sarah Baker on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1870. Two children were born to them.

Seamon Shell, was born on Saturday, March 4, 1871.

Rosila Shell, daughter of Riley and Sarah Shell, married Edward Peters on Thursday, July 2, 1891.

After the death of his first wife Sarah, Riley Shell married Martha Crites on Thursday, Nov. 27, 1873. She was born on Monday, March 25, 1850, and died on Sunday, April 25, 1915. They had five children.

Isiac Henry Shell, was born on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1876.

Mintia Shell, was born on Tuesday, March 19, 1878, and married Anderson Bess on Thursday, June 25, 1896. No children.

Janie Shell, was born on Tuesday, April 27, 1880, and married W.L. Sadler on Sunday, April 29, 1906. She married a second time to Charles H. Myers.

Mary Shell, was born on Tuesday, May 23, 1882. She married Logan Bufford on Monday, May 7, 1906.

Charley Shell, was born on Tuesday, July 29, 1883. He married Sadie Francis.

Riley Shell died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 1936, aged 88 years, 11 months, and 20 days.

Seamon Shell, son of Riley and Sarah Shell, was born on Saturday, March 4, 1871. He married Pearl Myers on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1902. She was born on Thursday, Oct. 2, 1884. Seven children were born to this union.

Susie Jane Shell, was born Thursday, April 2, 1903

Johnnie R. Shell, was born Sunday, Jan. 15, 1905.

Norvel Shell, was born Wednesday, April 3, 1907.

Lester William Shell, was born Sunday, Oct. 10, 1909.

Lee Shell, was born Monday, March 22, 1915.

Maggie Rosella Shell, was born Friday, Oct. 17, 1919.

Minnie Mae Shell, was born Monday, Sept. 3, 1923.

Susie Jane Shell, daughter of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born Thursday, April 2, 1903. Never married.

Johnnie Riley Shell, son of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born on Jan. 15, 1905 and married Virginia Moore on June 29, 1946. She was born Monday, Feb. 15, 1897. No children.

Norvel Shell, son of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born on April 3, 1907. He never married.

Lester William Shell, son of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1909. He married Angelyn Armintee Neal on Friday, March 15, 1940. She was born on Thursday, May 30, 1918. They were the parents of four children.

Donna Marie Shell, was born Sunday, Sept. 21, 1941.

Lester W. Shell Jr., was born Friday, Dec. 31, 1943.

John Seaman Shell, was born Sunday, April 22, 1945.

Adrian D. Shell, was born Sunday, Sept. 19, 1948.

Lee Shell, son of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born on March 22, 1915. He married Fern Gaddy on Sunday, Feb. 16, 1936, and they are the parents of two children. Fern was born April 2, 1919.

Lee Shell Jr., was born Sunday, May 2, 1937.

Sharon Joan Shell, was born Wed., July 29, 1942.

Maggie Rosella Shell, daughter of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born Oct. 17, 1919. She married Johnnie Milford Myers on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1945. He was born April 26, 1917. Two children were born to this union.

Joyce Ann Myers was born Saturday, Aug. 9, 1947.

Dolores Kay Myrs was born Friday, March 31, 1950.

Minnie May Shell, daughter of Seamon and Pearl Shell, was born Sept. 3, 1923. She married Cletis Hahn on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1945. Two children were born to them.

Ronald David Hahn, was born Wed., June 19, 1946.

Larry Herschel Hahn was born Sunday, Dec. 19, 1948.

Isiac Henry Shell, son of Riley and Sarah Shell, was born on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1876. He married Henretta Francis on Monday, June 19, 1898. She was born on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1879. Two children were born to this union.

Dora Emma Shell was born on Thursday, March 16, 1899, and married Silas Gladish on Friday, Aug. 29, 1919. They were the parents of one child, Jewell Mae Gladish, who was born on Sept. 20, 1922. Jewell married H. Glenn Moore on May 18, 1945.

Odis Lee Shell, son of Isiac and Heneretta Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 13, 1900. He married Nettie Barks on Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921. They had one child.

Mildred Shell, who was born on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1922, and married John Thurston on Wednesday, April 15, 1942.

Charley Shell, son of Riley and Sarah Shell, was born on Tuesday, July 29, 1884. He married Sadie Francis on Sunday, July 12, 1908. Sadie was born on May 28, 1883. Three children were born to them.

Paul A. Shell was born on Monday, July 1, 1912.

Milford T. Shell was born on Monday, May 31, 1915, and married Leona Richards on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1939. They have three children: Dale Shell, born Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1940; Gale Shell, born Sunday, June 4, 1944; and Leman Shell, born Monday, Sept. 10, 1951.

Silas R. Shell, son of Charley and Sadie Shell, was born on Friday, Jan. 27, 1922, and married Joena Eaker on March 22, 1941. She was born on Sunday, July 10, 1927. They have three children: Shirley Shell was born Monday, March 9, 1942; Larry Dean Shell was born Tuesday, June 3, 1946; and Michael Shell who was born Saturday, March 12, 1949. Larry Dean Shell died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1946.

Wesley Shell, son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on Sunday, March 6, 1853, and married Francis Baker on Wednesday, March 17, 1909. She was born on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1876, and died on Thursday, Jan. 21, 1932. They had three children.

Mary Mildred Shell, daughter of Wesley and Francis Shell, was born on Saturday, April 2, 1910. She married Alvin Perkins, and they have one child, Vernon Lee Perkins, who was born Feb. 3, 1936.

Woodrow Wilson Shell, son of Wesley and Francis Shell, was born on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1912. He married Eleanora Shell on Sunday, Dec. 24, 1932. They have three children.

Waymond Shell was born on Saturday, June 22, 1935.

Edward Shell, was born on Friday, Dec. 17, 1937.

Eula Marie Shell, was born on Thursday, May 28, 1942.

Hazel Maude Shell, daughter of Wesley and Francis Shell, was born on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1914. She married Williard Crayon on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1938.

Phillip B. Shell Jr., son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on Wednesday, June 11, 1851. He married Cinthy Collins on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1873. She was born on Nov. 2, 1853, and died on April 26, 1909. Phillip B. died on Friday, Nov. 25, 1892, age 41 years, 5 months, and 15 days. They had two children.

Maggie Shell, was born on ———————— and married Joseph W. Bidewell on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1896. Maggie widowed then married Milow Travelstead.

Bertha A. Shell, was born on ———— —— ——, and married William A. Shell, by S. S. Stuckey, J. P.

Henry Shell, son of Phillip and Catherine Shell, was born on ———————— 1852. He married Caranie Bess on Thursday, Dec. 30, 1875. She was born on Tuesday, May 24, 1859, and died on Thursday, April 13, 1893. Two children were born to this union.

Bess.

Porter Shell, was born on ——— ——— ———, and moved away.

Bertha Shell, was born on ——— —— —— —— ——.

Caranie Bess was a sister to John, Wess and Anderson Bess.

Sampson Shell, son of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1819. He married Eliza Slagle in the year 1844. Eliza was born on Thursday, Jan. 13, 1814, and died Monday, April 19, 1869. They had three children.

Hannah Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 12, 1845.

Malinda Shell, was born on Sunday, May 28, 1843.

George Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 17, 1849.

Sampson Shell was elected County Judge of Bollinger County in the year of 1864, and served in that office until his death on Saturday, May 4, 1867, aged 47 years, 5 months, and 21 days.

Hannah Shell, daughter of Sampson and Eliza Shell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 12, 1945. She married Eli Lutes on Friday, March 1, 1867. They had one child that died in infancy. Hannah died on Sunday, July 12, 1868, age 22 yrs, 9 mos.

Malinda Shell, daughter of Sampson and Eliza Shell, was born on Sunday, May 28, 1843. She first married Ellison Hahn, who served in the Civil War of 1861-65. They had one child. Ellison Hahn died Dec. 15, 1873.

Adam Hahn, son of Malinda and Ellison Hahn was born on——————— ——— ——— .

Malinda widowed and married Truston Francis, and they had four children. She was 97 years, 3 months, and 22 days of age at her death. Four children were born to them.

Jasper M. Francis ——— ——— ———.

T. P. Francis ——— ——— ——— ———.

Heneratte Francis ——— ——— ——— —.

Sadie Francis ——— ——— ——— ———.

George Shell, son of Sampson and Eliza Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 17, 1849. He married Julia Collins on Thursday, July 22, 1869. She was born on March 10, 1849, and died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1924. George died on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1912. They were the parents of four children.

Amanda Shell, daughter of George and Julia Shell, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1879. On Sunday, Oct. 23, 1898, she married Walter Murphy. He was born on Saturday, Aug. 16, 1873, and died on Saturday, May 29, 1944. Five children were born to this union.

Lee Eric Murphy, was born Monday, Dec. 11, 1905.

Anna Lou Murphy, was born Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1907.

Retta Murphy, was born Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1914.

Ina Murphy, was born Thursday, Nov. 9, 1916.

Walter Murphy Jr. was born on Wed., May 26, 1920.

Lou Shell, daughter of George and Julia Shell, was born on Monday, Aug. 10, 1873, and died on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1897, age 24 years, 4 months, and 12 days.

Leroy Shell, son of George and Julia Shell, was born on Thursday, March 25, 1875. He married Dora Bess on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1898, and died Wednesday, April 20, 1932.

Leroy Shell was an excellent singer and loved Church Work and was always at the front leading the singing when at church; he was a missionary Baptist in belief. He was 76 years, 2 months, and 19 days old when he died, on Thursday, June 14, 1951.

James Shell, son of George and Julia Shell, was born on Wednesday, July 11, 1877. He married Willie Drum in the year 1908, and they have five children.

Beulah Shell was born on —— —— —— —.

Hettie Shell, was born on —— —— —— —.

Curtis Shell, was born on —— —— —— —.

Clarence Shell, was born on Monday, July 4, 1910, and died on Friday, Sept. 18, 1924.

George Shell, was born on Friday, Aug. 17, 1849.

Catherine Shell, a daughter of Casper and Mary Shell, was born on Monday, Feb. 26, 1814. She married Mathias Hahn on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1833. Five children were born to this union:

Vina O. Hahn, was born Saturday, Sept. 13, 1834.

Levi Hahn was born in 1837.

Ellis Hahn was born Sunday, June 2, 1839.

Ruah Hahn was born Sunday, July 16, 1843.

Paggy Hahn was born in 1845.

Catherine widowed, and then she married Tom May. Two children were born to this union:

Jacob May, was born on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1852. He was killed by robbers on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1890.

John May, was born on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1849, and died on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1883.

Catherine was known, by young and old people, as Aunt Katy May.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

St. John, Chapter 4.

Samaria lay along the Jordan river, and in passing from Judea to Galilee, travelers had to pass through Samaria, or cross the Jordan river, and go along the other side and cross back into Galilee. The Jews traveled this route rather than go through Samaria on account of the racial hatred they had for each other. The Samaritans were Jews that had mixed up with several other tribes of people and the Jews said that the Samaritans had defiled themselves, and were not fit to deal with.

While Jesus was preaching and teaching in Judea, the Pharicees started an objection. Jesus decided to go back to Galilee, so he took the route through Samaria, and about the sixteenth hour they came to a city named Sycar, near a parcel of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, and it seems that there was an understanding that the disciples were to go through the city to buy some food and that Jesus would wait for them at the well. Anyhow, Jesus sat down by the well to rest and wait for them.

While sitting there, a Samaritan woman came to get some water. Now I wonder if she said, "A hateful old Jew, I wonder what he is doing down here," but as she came to the well, Jesus started a conversation with her by asking her for a drink of water. She answered him by saying, How is it that you ask me for a drink, me being a woman of Samaria, when the Jews and Samaritans have no dealings with each other.

Now in this lesson, please watch the woman; how she gets interested in Jesus teachings. When he leads off in spiritual things he has told her, if she would have asked Him for a drink he would have given her living water, and she had asked Him for that living water, then Jesus told her of so many things in her past life that she being more stirred up, she in turn said: "I perceive that you are a prophet and if you are (then she put one of the most important questions to Him that He was ever asked) you can tell me where and how to worship. You Jews said at Jerusalem, and our fathers said in the mountains." Then Jesus gave her just as important answer when He said: "I say neither place, for the time has come that you worship the Father in Spirit and Truth for He seeketh such to worship Him."

Now the disciples came back from the city with food and wanted Jesus to eat, but he told them that he had food that they knew not of. Now look, the woman has rushed off and left her water pot. She has gone back to the city to invite her friends and relatives to come to Jesus and learn of him (the second time this has happened). She is saying: "Come and see a man that told me everything that has happened to me. Is this the Christ? He saith he is. Come, and hear Him."

Now she has changed the scene down at the well into a camp meeting ground and Jesus was the preacher. Hear Him telling how to worship the Father and of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God and eternal Life.

The people were so interested that when Jesus wanted to go they insisted on Him to stay longer and tell them more about the Father, and he stayed with them two days and taught them many things in parables so that they could understand what He meant, and in their rejoicing they said to the woman, "Now we don't believe because you told us, but because we have heard Him ourselves, and now we know that he is the Christ the Son of the living God." What a wonderful confession for a people to make.

Now listen, dear reader, who ever you may be. What are you going to do with Jesus? Accept Him and worship like he told the woman at the well. You see she did and then rushed out and invited people to come to Jesus and learn of Him. Now you see this great multitude of people down at the well and hear them rejoicing and praising the Father and saying: "Now we believe that Jesus is the Son of God." Why not you try to worship like Jesus told the woman. Get beyond doubt, dear friend, and there is where you will find a feast for your soul, then you will say, "Not because some one has told me, but because I have learned of Him myself." Then you will say like the Samaritans said: "Now I know that He is the Son of the living God."

Now, dear Father, bless the reader and draw him close to Thee, that he may learn more about Thee, and worship like Jesus said to worship.

D. L. S.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

My father, Frederick Shell, died when I was about nine years of age, and by the time I was 18 years old, my two elder brothers had married and moved to homes of their own, leaving my mother, a younger brother and myself living at the old home place. After I married, my wife and I lived with mother for something like ayear, or at least until I built a home of my own, then mother and my younger brother moved in, and lived with my wife and I. Sometime afterwards my wife's mother died, leaving seven children, which had to be taken care of, so my wife and I took a little girl, five years old and a boy of nine, to raise. They were good children, did well in school, the boy was teaching by the time he was nineteen years old; the girl stayed with us until she was 22 years of age, then she married and moved away.

My wife and I lived together for 45 years, nine months, and 14 days. We had no children of our own, however we always had a large family during our entire married life. We also took in an orphan girl, at the age of five and raised and educated her. She stayed with us until she was 22 years old then married and moved away. Shortly after this my wife's health failed, and then along came a young man and his wife that had no home, and they wanted to stay with us. So we took them in and gave them a chance.

By this time my wife had become bedfast, and had to be cared for like a little child, so the young man's wife patiently helped me care for her day and night for over a year until my wife's death. This left me with the home and no heirs, and as I owed nobody I decided to enlarge the house and use it as an Old Peoples Home. I let the young man and his wife operate it and gave them all they made out of it, which we operated for over five years. Finally I gave them the home and the entire farm as a token of appreciation for the assistance they gave me in caring for my wife during her illness.

Due to the inconvenience of getting supplies and medical attention, we decided to move to Lutesville, Mo., and open an Old Folks Home there. This gave the man and his wife a better chance to help more old people, than they could at the Home on the farm, and they could give their three children better schooling. Here we can get every thing that we need delivered to the Home without any extra cost, and without delay.

David L. Shell

The Lutesville, Mo., High School Gymnasium was the gathering place of about 400 people on Sunday, March 8, 1953. The occasion was the 100 year birthday celebration of Wesley Shell. About 95 percent of the people present were named Shell, or their mothers were named Shell.

Mr. Wesley Shell was born on Sunday, March 6, 1853, near Lutesville, Mo., in the log house that his grandfather, Casper Shell built in 1804; his father, Phillip Shell, was born and lived in this same house all of his life, and Wesley Shell lived here for about 85 years, then he and his third wife moved into a new house they built in less than 50 yards of the old house.

The dinner was served in the basement of the gymnasium on the tables that the school children use for their dinners.

Wesley has lived on the farm all his life, and said the biggest corn crop that he ever raised was when he was in his early eighties. He is a very talkative man and has always attended to his own business, and has many friends.

Now back to the crowd. I am 82 years old and have been in many crowds, and will say that I never saw as much hand shaking and rejoicing, and heard as much talking and laughter in all my life as there was there that day. When you met up with a fellow and he spoke to you, why you had to talk very loud or he would not hear you.

The crowd was very nice and respectful, and in their rejoicing together I know that God got great glory out of it all, as much so as if they had spent the day in prayer.

Wesley said that he had a good day of it and enjoyed the day fine. He got several nice useful presents which he said he was proud of. He did not tire very much for one that age. I saw and talked with him the next day and he said he felt fine.

Now we will go down in the basement to see the cake. Yes, there it is on the table over there. Gee, that is a big one isn't it. It is an oblong birthday cake 16x24 and about 5 or 6 inches high, iced with white and pink icing and had 100 candles stuck on top. But wait, I see something on that cake that I never saw on a cake before in all my life and I doubt if there was another person there that ever saw the like before and their chances are that they never will see again, and that something was the figure **100** on top of the cake. Now that doesn't mean the cake was 100 years old, it is the man it was baked for. Just think, a man 100 years old. What a rare thing it is. Back 100 years ago the average life of man was about 54 years, and that of woman was 60. At that time a man 65 years old was considered an old man. Now we have several men and women reaching 80 and 90 and a few 100 years.

Written by D. L. Shell, Lutesville, Mo.

MY TESTIMONY

When I was sixteen years old I joined the Methodist Church. Why the Methodists? Well, I liked the business arrangements of the Methodist Church at that time. However the General Baptists have made wonderful improvements in their church laws in the past sixty years.

Soon after I joined the church at Eaker Chapel, we organized a Sunday School, and by a unanimous vote I was elected Sunday School Teacher. Back then Sunday Schools were run through warm weather and froze out when cold weather came, and the next spring we would start Sunday School again. In trying to prepare my lessons I got to wondering why Jesus was born a baby. So I went to reading everything along that line that I could find, but I found no answer. I asked several preachers, and some of them would say that they did not know, and others would say that they had not thought of the question before, and they could not give an answer just then. So can you answer the question now?

Then I remembered reading where the prophet Amos said, "If you follow on to know, you will find out." This gave me some consolation, however this went on for several years, often the question would come up in my mind and I would meditate on it for a while and get no answer, then I would dismiss the subject for that time.

One day about fifteen years ago I was driving along the road to Lutesville, Mo., and this subject came to my mind again, and I thank God, for this time the answer came with it just like a flash. It was this: Why is it impossible for a human being to come into this world except by being born

of woman? Now Jesus was just as human as you or I, yet he was as God like God himself. This is why he was born a baby. We all come into the world alike, and through death, we all go out alike. We bring nothing with us and we take nothing out.

Then I ask this question: Why all the bother to come into the world and stay just a little while then pass on out? Just then I remembered reading where God said: "I made man to beget glory to myself, I am a jealous God, worship me and me only." What does this all mean? I think we should help our fellowman, and work and strive to make this a better world and a more beautiful place for the next generation to live in.

Don't you think that God would get glory out of your work this way? Why worry about gain and profit, for if you were to gain millions of dollars, you would die just like a pauper. Or if you should gain all the knowledge in the world, you would die just like a fool.

There is nothing better for a man to do in this world than to heed the teachings of Jesus and worship God as he taught. Jesus died for **what** he taught, and he even did more than that, he died for **those** he taught. As strange as this **life** may seem to you, it is as true as daylight and dark.

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